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January 1, 1849 – December 31, 1849
General Correspondence

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Treasury Department

First Auditors Office

January 3^d 1849

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your
Billon Copper & Cranny Expense accounts for the Quarter
Ending 3^d December 1848.

Respectfully,

Yours obt^d Serv^t

W. Collins

1st Auditor

John W. Howard Esq

Treasurer Penn^a

Philadelphia

Penn^a

War Department.

Washington Jan 2^d. 1849.

Sir,

I have requested the Bearer hereof
Arch^d Campbell, Esq. my Chief Clerk to call
at the Mint and receive from you the coin made of
the California gold. If it be ready I request that
it may be handed to him. He will deliver to you
the receipt which was given on depositing the gold.
I am,

Very Respectfully
your Obedt. Servt.
H. L. Marcy.
Secretary of War

To

Doct^r. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Wm. C. C. Phil. Jan. 30, 1848

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27 & 28 inst, and you will see from the enclosed form of a bill that I have complied with your request.

There can be no other objection to the double eagle except that it is not needed. It will be a handsome coin, between the half dollar and dollar in size.

I send you six specimens of the gold dollar, three of standard gold and three of gilt silver. The form proposed in the article to which you called my attention is very objectionable. So also is a plan devised in England in which a silver coin has a gold plug in the centre.

In the proposed bill which I send to you I have introduced a provision for what are technically called the remedies in the standard weight of the gold coins. It differs from the provision in the 25th section of the Mint act of 1837, by being extended to the proposed new coins, and also by increasing the variation allowed for the eagle and half eagle from a quarter of a grain to $\frac{1}{2}$ a grain. Our experience has shown that the former limit is too small for practical adjusting, as the limit now proposed is itself very small. I hope that no objection will be made to its adoption. You will see that the narrow allowance of variation from standard weight in the delivery of large numbers of coins puts it out of the power of the officers to take advantage of the allowance on single pieces.

Wm. J. McKay
Wm. C.
Washington.

Rm. C.
a

Philadelphia January 30th 1849.

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours
of yesterday sending me a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury of the
U. S. advising me of my appointment as one of the Commissioners
to attend the annual assay at the Mint. I have much pleasure
in saying that I shall be punctual in my attendance at the
Mint on the 12th inst. and in the mean while, shall prepare
myself for the performance of my duties, by a careful perusal of
the two pamphlets which you have had the goodness to send me.

I beg to express my acknowledgments to the Secretary of the
Treasury and am very respectfully

Dear Sir,

Yours truly
Wm. A. R. H. H. H.

Wm. A. R. H. H. H.
Comr. of the U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

New York Jan 30 1849
R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Dear Sir

We send you
herewith a sealed Bag addressed to you by
Livingston & Co. Express containing a package
Gold Dust ~~to be~~ coined and we will thank you
to receipt & deliver proceeds to them with certificate
of receipt & value in our name as soon as it
can be converted into Coin and

We beg to remain Sir

Very Resp Yours
JC

Obett H Brown

New York 29th January 1849

H. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint of the United States
Philadelphia

My dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge your very kind letter of the 27th, covering me from the Sec^y of the Treasury, by which I am advised that the President of the United States has designated me as one of the Commissioners to attend the Annual assay at the Mint. I need hardly say that it will afford me much pleasure to attend at the time specified - the 12th of February. The nature of my engagements here are so pressing, that I may not be able to reach Phila. before the evening of Saturday previous - and I

intend being at the house of my brother
in law, Dr. Hodge - which I mention in answer
to the polite intimation conveyed by your letter -
at the same time I beg you to arrive all
Ceremony.

The papers to which your letter also
refers, have not reached me - and as the matter
they contain is of interest, pray send me other
copies, should these have miscarried.

I am very truly yours

Wm L. Garrison

New York 29th Jan'y 1849

P. M. Patterson, Esq^r

Director
U.S. Mint, Philad^a

Sir,

By Livingston H^c express I send
you this day a package to your address, contg
six packages, viz together 198 $\frac{1}{16}$ oz. Gold Dust, said to
be of superior quality. The said six packages
are marked MA No 1 @ 5. I will thank you to
have them coined & return the proceeds by them
who are authorized to receive the same, on my
account. As they are different parcels, I beg
of you to hand them two separate certificates
of weight & value in my own name, viz:
One for MA No 1 @ 4 four packages, as soon as
& one for " " 5. 6. two Do } practicable

I Remain,
Sir,

Very respectfully
A. Anguere

Nashville Jan^y. 29th /49.

To/

Dr. R. M. Patterson,

Dear sir,

This will be handed to you by my friend Adolphus Heiman who is on a visit to the Eastern cities in a professional way:— Major Heiman is an Architect of taste and skill, and eke, a Man of war, having distinguished himself with the honors of Gen^l. Taylors conquests in Mexico.

Major Heiman is the bearer of despatches, to you, from our common friends Dr. Troost, — I know you will give him a golden opportunity of seeing the way in which money is made, and public works founded thereon.

Your old friend

W. Strickland

W. L. G. C. G.

Jan 3 28 1849.

W. L. G.

Since I wrote to you a fortnight
ago a letter of R. L. G. - formed me
that R. L. G. Committee of the North
would, probably, report a Bill to author-
ize the appropriation of a sum of money for
the purchase of a piece of land
in the North. By two dollars.
When you write me a letter to R. L. G. of
the North, I would be glad to receive your
views in regard to the best proposition.
Please to alter the Bill which I have
sent to you, so that it may be
from the North you will consider necessary &
proper, should authoritatively be given to the
the two pieces named.

A. M. Patten - Esq.

Yours respectfully
J. S. 28/49

Minst Mt. Philad.^a
Jan. 27, 1849

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
the notice of appointment of the Commissioners designed
by the President to attend the Annual Assay at
the Mint. But I have to regret that a mistake has
occurred in one of the names, which is written Vanderweelt,
instead of Vanderkemp. I have accordingly returned
the two papers in which appears correction in this respect,
and have taken the liberty of substituting correct substitute,
which requires only your signature.

R.W.P.
D.

Wm. R. J. Walker,
Sec. of Treas.

Coast Survey Office.
Washington Jan. 27. 1849.

Dear Sir,

I received yesterday the six silver medals
sent under your direction for the Coast Survey & this
morning yours of Jan. 25 enclosing the bill of Mr. Peale. He
returns enclosed a check \$28.9164 of Concoran & Riggs on the
Bank of Philadelphia payable to the order of Braithwaite Peale for
the amount ⁽⁸³⁷⁾ with receipts in duplicate which you
will oblige me by having signed & returned to this office.

Take this opportunity to return by request
of Mr. Joseph Rutter the thanks of the Coast Survey
to you for the facilities afforded to him in making
the magnetic observations entrusted to him. I would
respectfully request that the thanks of the work be
communicated in an especial manner to Mr. Peale
for his very obliging assistance to Mr. Rutter.

Yours respectfully

A. D. Bache

Doct. Robt. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

27 Jan^y 1848.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

*James W. Snowden Esq^r
Asst Sec^y of the*

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it; should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses.

Minist of the United States.

Philadelphia, Jan. 27, 1849.

Sir,

Your note of the 24th inst. was fortunately received before the deposit in question had left the hands of the Minter & Refiner. A re-assay was accordingly made, and, as you suspected, an error was in fact found. It arose from the mistake, in the last weighing of the first assay, ^{of subtracting instead of adding a \$5 in the} which made its fineness 895, instead of 905. By this mistake the ~~balance~~ ^{balance} was found ~~you a new balance~~ ^{to be \$17.46} and the ~~balance due to you~~ ^{balance due to you} ~~in full~~ ^{of \$1487.81 to \$1505.25} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~to H. Gammann, the~~ ^{agent of my master, in which name your deposit stands on our books,} ~~agent of my master, in which name your deposit stands on our books,~~ ~~need not add how much I regret this~~ ^{mistake, and how glad I am that you called our} ^{attention to it.}

Very respectfully &
faithfully yours,

P. M. Patterson,
Director.

By
Bernard Berend, Esq.
at New York.

1487.81
1487.81
17.46

Philad. January 27 1849.

Dear Sir,

It will be necessary for me to see you without fail on
Monday morning between 11 p. 4. and 12.

Very yr.

William B. Reed

W. Patterson.

Wm. L. G. 6-5
Jan 27th 1849.

Dear Sir, I send you a copy of the Bill for
the coinage of gold dollar pieces - You will
see that it is the same that was introduced
in 1844 with a few exceptions of the 5th section &
I believe that Bill was favorably received by you.
Please comment there, all your views
on the subject.

Yours with great respect
J. L. Whiting.

J. J. McKay
[Committee on Ways and Means]

R. M. Patterson Esq.

P. S. What do you think of the form for
the gold dollar proposed in the article of the
Union of the morning -
Can't you send us a few specimens of the
dollar pieces? They shall be returned
to you.

J. L. Wh

In order to illustrate the views which will be offered in compliance with the request of the Committee, some specimens have been selected, and various alloys prepared, to accompany this report.

No. 1, is a piece of ten centimes of France, containing 20 per cent silver; value nearly two cents (1.86); worn by circulation; newly cleaned.

No. 2, is a silver-groschen of Prussia, containing 22 per cent silver; value by law, 2.8 cents; actual or intrinsic value, 1.86 cents. Has been in circulation, & is shown here in its consequent condition.

No. 3, is a good-groschen of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach in Germany; contains about 37 per cent silver; value nearly three cents (say 2.9); worn by use, & lately washed.

No. 4 is a three-kreutzer of Austria, containing $34\frac{1}{2}$ per cent silver; value, both legal & actual, 2.4 cents, ~~but~~ shows the appearance of billon which has been "pikled" after moderate wear. ("Pikling" is a technical term, &c.)

No 5 is a piece of 10 centimes of Netherlands, containing 57 per cent. silver, value 4 cents.

No. 6 is a quarter-real of Mexico, about the same fineness as our own coin (90 per cent) and worth $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents. It is sent to show the inconvenience of its size and the necessity, or at least the wisdom, of adding copper to make a more tangible coin.

No. 7. Contains ^{two} planchets, intended to weigh $17\frac{1}{2}$ grs; ~~and~~ containing 20 per cent. silver. The amount of fine silver is 34 grains, worth .94 of a cent, leaving a margin of .06 to pay for the copper and a slight seignorage to government, we offer this as a specimen for a cent piece. The ~~coin~~ ^{planchet} is cleaned but not pickled, and appears in ~~its~~ ^{their} proper colour.

No. 8, contains ^{two} planchets, intended to weigh 36 grains, & containing 30 per cent. silver. The fine silver would amount to 2.91 cents, leaving a difference of .09 for copper and seignorage, for a 3 cent piece. ~~The planchets are clean without pickling.~~

No 9, ~~four~~ ^{three} ~~two~~ coins, of 22 grs. proportion of silver 50 per cent; actual value 2.96 cents; ~~leaving~~ ~~all for copper &c.~~, for a 3 cent piece. ~~These pieces~~ ~~have been moderately pickled, the others appear in~~ ~~their true colour~~

(No 10, ~~four~~ ^{three} ~~two~~ coins, of 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ grs; proportion of silver 60 per cent; value 2.99 cents. ~~One piece~~ ~~pickled, the rest in proper colour.~~

The following views or conclusions are offered.

Very base alloys are altogether objectionable. In the of 20 per cent, the silver is ~~hid~~ ^{hidged away} nearly ~~all~~ ^{from} 20 to 30 per cent. ^{long} circulation will ^{impart} ~~give~~ a mangled appearance, ^(much more so than in pure copper) and the surface will become foul, ^{as in No. 2}. Such alloys can also be more readily imitated than higher ones, without the use of a particle of silver. And since the copper should be paid for, out of the coin itself, the holder will have less intrinsic value, the lower you make the alloy. Such low percentages are also entirely useless, except as coin, and according to the tariff of France (we have none ^{here} to suit the case) it would cost about 15 cents per ounce, say about $5\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. of value, to refine such stuff. As to the practice of other countries.

['Pickling' is a technical term for the operation of soaking the pieces, before striking, in a weak sulphuric acid, by which they ~~become~~ ^{the copper} is removed from the surface, ~~and~~ leaving an appearance of fine silver. In this dress, coins of billon generally leave the mints, and it is retained for a considerable time, but the practice is of doubtful propriety, as an old coin looks worse than of late, but after some wear they look ^{much} ~~worse~~ ^{better} than if they had been sent out with their proper colour.]

lower than as low as 20 per cent. The French too have
been discontinued. On the whole it is extremely un-
desirable to make any such substitute for our present coin-
piece, which of itself is convenient in size, and which
becomes a bugbear by the frequent accounts of carrying
it acrossing in change, & in a piece at a time.

The three cent piece stands confessedly in
a different grade of merit. Much as we dislike to
impair the unity of our standard, and to circulate
a low alloy, it is evident that the three-cent piece
if of convenient size, and being acceptable all over the
country, & if probably desired all wish to introduce
a new piece of one cent. - Specimens No 9 & 10 are
therefore submitted, & to show the full effect, have been
struck with a die hastily got up. No 10 we would
strongly prefer; and it seems undesirable to go
any higher than that proportion (60) of fineness. The
colour of this piece will always stand pretty fair, &
the surface will not become foul; see No 5 as an
example. - If this or any piece should be adopted,
certain details as to weight ^{and all alloys in mintage, with} and fineness, and the
reasons therefor, will then be given before the bill is
perfected. It was not considered necessary to make a nice
adjustment of these terms, at this stage of the inquiry.

Treasury Department
January 26th 1849

Sir,

I have to inform you that, as authorised by the President, Professors Johnson, of Middletown, Conn., and John C. Bresson of Philadelphia, and J. J. Vahdenkemp and John L. Aspinwall, Esqs, have been appointed to attend the annual assembly at the mint, on the second Monday, the 12th day of February next.

Enclosed are the letters of appointment

Very respectfully

R. M. Patterson
Secretary of the Treasury

Dr. R. M. Patterson {
Philadelphia {
Pa }

Boston Jan 26th 1849

A. M. Patterson Esq

Sir.

I trust you will excuse the liberty I have taken to address you but when I have explained my object I hope you will receive it as my apology

I wish to perfect myself in the assaying and analysis of metals & minerals - and not knowing what books to procure for that purpose have ventured to ask you to recommend such works as in your judgment would be best - being Chief of the Mint I have presumed you have a perfect knowledge of such works - are you at liberty to give me the result of your investigations at the Mint?

apart from the benefit I should derive from being perfect in this branch of science - it is a study I most delight in, and pursue the same with great pleasure

Very Respect

Mrs

Jacob F. Grover

My only companions are
Comstock's Mineralogy
Freseman's chemical analogy

New York Jan^y 26th 1849

Doct^r Patterson

Several accounts have been published here from time to time of quantities of gold from California that you have received at the mint to be coined.

I (as an inquirer after Facts and Truth for my own gratification) inquire of you if you would be so kind as to answer this communication and state, how much Gold you had received, that you were satisfied came from California, and also if you had received any in forms of lumps that proved to be sulphate of iron.

If you will please to answer the above inquiries as soon as convenient, you will much oblige your most obedient servant

A. J. Biglow

Please direct to A. J. Biglow care of
Gault & Ballard, 120 Maiden Lane N.Y., N.Y.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Jan. 26, 1849.

Dear Sir,

I see that you have brought a Bill before
the House, for the coinage of Gold dollars. Of ~~all~~
the objections ^{which} ~~that~~ I see presented against it, in a former
occasion, one ~~it~~ only has been answered, namely the want
of silver or gold: yet I ^{I am not disposed to} ~~shall not~~ interfere with the
measure now. I wish however, that it be introduced
in a form that shall be ~~unobjectionable~~ practicable at
the Mint, and I therefore beg that you will send me a
copy of your bill, that I may see if it contains all the
necessary provisions.

R. M. Patterson

Hon. J. J. McHenry, M.C.

Art. II.

To authorize the coinage of twenty-dollar, and of one dollar gold pieces as the Mint of the United States and its Branches.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful, hereafter, to make, at the Mint and its Branches, twenty-dollar gold coins of the weight of five hundred and sixteen grains, and of ~~the~~ gold dollar coins of the weight of twenty-five grains and eight tenths, which coins shall be legal tenders of payment according to their nominal values.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the aforementioned coins shall be made, in all respects, in conformity with the existing laws regulating the coinage at the mints, except that on the reverse of the gold dollar the figure of the eagle shall be omitted.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That in adjusting the weight of gold coins hereafter, the ^{allowance} deviation from the standard weight shall not be exceeded, in any of the single pieces, ^{namely} in the Double Eagle, the Eagle, and the half Eagle, ^{one} $\frac{1}{16}$ th part of a grain, and in the Quarter Eagle and Gold Dollars, ^{one} $\frac{1}{32}$ th part of a grain; ^{and that in weighing a large number of pieces together, the allowed deviation from the standard weight shall not exceed, in the case of the Double Eagle, the Eagle, and the half Eagle, $\frac{1}{16}$ th part of a grain, and in the case of the Quarter Eagle and Gold Dollars, $\frac{1}{32}$ th part of a grain.}

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted that no more of the above Gold as regards the coinage of twenty-dollar and one dollar gold pieces shall be coined in gold until the fourth day of March, 1851, and no longer.

R M Patterson Esq.
U. S. Mint. Dear Sir

As there have been many communications in the Newspapers, recommending the Coinage of a Gold Dollar, to take the place of the present disgraceful Notes of small amount, it has occurred to me that a Combination of a Gold & Silver Coin, such in appearance as the accompanying Medal, might be found more convenient than so small a Coin as a Gold Dollar would be, and prove acceptable to the public.

The Medal which I now incloses was brought by my Daughter from England last Summer, and was intended to take the place of the English Silver Crown-pieces.

If you have not already seen it it may prove of some interest to you.

Believe me to be

Dear Sir
Your friend & Serv^t
Joseph Sill

Philadelphia January 25 1849.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Jan. 25, 1849.

Dear Sir,

I see that my Annual Mint Report
for 1848 has been presented to Congress, and it
will no doubt, as heretofore, be printed. May I then
ask a favor of you? Will that you will procure for
me as many copies as can be spared. I know that
the number is small.

~~Let me also ask ^{you} another favor, to send me
any bills that may be presented~~

R.M.M.

~~Dr.~~

To/

Hon. Charles Brown

Allentown, Lehigh county, Jan. 25, 1867

To the Managers of the U. S. Mint:

Messrs. - Herewith
I send you a few small specimens of a substance, - being no
mineralogist myself, I am unable to determine what ^{they are} ~~it is~~ - and
beg you to be kind enough to inform me what it really is.
The small particles contained in this letter I found upon the
surface of a small steep, and rocky hill. It is found in a bluish
bluish kind of a stone, sometimes slaty in appearance, and
the small grains ^{are} ~~are~~ found in a vein, some however are
found by themselves; while some are remarkably hard to
extract, others fall out by themselves.

I await

Please answer this as soon as convenient.

Yours, &c.

J. D. Langworthy

Allentown, Lehigh County, Pa.

Syracuse N.Y. Jan'y 23rd 1849

Director U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

With great pleasure do I give the
favor to answer (now) the following inquiries by return of mail

- 1st What is the standard (exactly) for Gold Coin American
- 2^d What is the exact standard for the U.S. Silver Coin
- 3rd Is bullion coined at the expense of the owner, or of Govt
- 4th How much Gold of Standard fineness delivered at the
U.S. Mint will entitle the owner to \$1. - \$5. - & \$10. -
- 5th The same in regard to Silver for 25¢ - 10¢ - & 5¢
- 6th How much Gold 20 karats fine (Copper alloy) delivered at
the U.S. Mint will entitle the owner to \$1. - \$2.50 - \$5. - & \$10.
- 7th The same as No 6 except that this alloy is composed of
equal weights of Silver and Copper.

By giving me full and minute answers to the above
questions you greatly oblige me, and if you can give
it in such a form (with any additional information of gold
importance) as will make it convenient of reference you
will greatly oblige

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedt Servt J.H. Bowditch

New York January 24th 1849

On the 19th inst. I forwarded by Adams & Co. Express \$80.47 mixed Gold coin and received this day in return \$1487.81 at a fineness of 895

I regret the necessity of troubling you with calling your attention to the fact, that of the quantity sent 7 1/2 ounces were ducats at a fineness of 900, and the balance consisted of coin of which the lowest was of 896 1/2 making an average of at least 904 fineness and which on re-examination, I doubt not, will be found correct.

very respectfully

Yours

Samuel D. Bond

The above deposit (made in the name of George Mowton) was erroneously reported, in consequence of a mistake in the last weighing of the assay. It has been corrected by re-assay. Jan'y 27. 1849.

Treasury United States
January 24-1849

Sir. I have this day issued Transfer draft of \$100,000
on you in my favor for One hundred thousand dollars
payable on demand in Philadelphia.

Very respectfully Yours
Wm. Jackson
Treas. U. States

Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Philadelphia. Jan. 24, 1849.

Dear Sir,

I regret to say that we have no California sand left. All that we have received was sent to us by ~~the Secretary of War~~ Mr. Harey. In the first parcel there was but 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ drs., and in a second, for which we applied, there was but 23 drs. more; and on this very small ^{amount} ~~supply~~ we spent, ~~and even if~~ it is left. The acid used was muriatic alone, and it acted upon the iron which had not been removed by the magnet.

Very respectfully & truly yours,

D. M. P.

Hon. Thos. Ewing.

Private

Mont W. L. Phil. Soc. Jan. 23/49

Dear Sir,

In my letter to you of the 19th inst., I took the liberty of suggesting Wm. H. C. Stephens of New York as an additional Commissioner to attend the Annual Essay. I am just now informed that the name of the gentleman whom I desired to have with us is Wm. L. Stephens. I hope that, if the President has been disposed to accede to my request, this may yet be time to correct this error.

P.S.?

Wm. H. C. Stephens
Mr. W. L. Stephens
New York

Southern Magnetic Telegraph,

The following communication was received at
this office, at 12 o'clock, 20 min P.M.

Dated, N York, May 23 1848.

Notice of the result

Dr Darnum says
that the Lepidivall
is the proper name of
the assay commission

J. W. Darnum
Mason House
Brooklyn

15-55

31 John Street
New York Jan: 22nd.
1849

To Dr. R. M. Patterson

Dear Sir,

Allow me
to recall myself to your recollection
by soliciting some information which I
am unable to obtain from any
other source I wish to know.

1. With what substances the gold, as
dug from the deposits in California is
combined

2. What is the specific gravity of the
substances found united with it

3rd. The proportions in which they are
ordinarily found with the gold.

I do not suppose that you can
answer these questions accurately -
but I am sure that you can
give me the best information on
the subject.

Very truly
Yours W. Lunt.

Charles Davies

Mont. Vt. Phil. Jan. 20/189.

Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 19th, in which you ask, whether, in my judgment, the Commonwealth could safely proceed to the trial of Randal Hatchinson, in the absence of Capt. Pickford. I reply, that I deem the evidence of Capt. Pickford of the greatest importance, and that, in my opinion, it would be imprudent to proceed to trial without it.

R.M.P.

D.

Wm. B. Reed, Esq.

Dep. Att. General.

U. S. Mint,
Philad^a Penna, 20th, 1869.

Sir, I have this day received from
you Treasury Warrant No. 7644,
in my favor, on the Acct. Treas. U. S. at
N. York, dated 18th inst, for One hundred
thousand dollars, payable in foreign
gold coins, which I have sent for, in
the usual manner, and when received
will place to your credit on the books
of the Mint.

Very respectfully,
Wm B. E. B.
(Signed)
James Ross Snowden,
Treasurer

New York January 20th 1849

Dear Sir!

I have yesterday send by Express
of Adams & Co. \$1500. in foreign
Gold for recoinage, and as many
friends here are curious to have some
coins of the Gold found in California
I take herewith the liberty to ask you
if it is no trouble to you to let me
in the return have a part of such
Gold and you will much oblige

Yours

Respectfully

Bernard Beaud

W. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

(Private.)

Miss W. Phil. Jan. 19, 1849.

Dear Sir,

Will you permit me to ~~present~~, through you, ^{to name} to the President, ~~the name of~~ Mr. H. A. Spinwall, Esq., of New York, as one of the additional commissioners, to attend at the Annual Assay ~~to be held~~ at the Mint on the 12th of February. I am ~~very~~ anxious to add this name to those which I have already taken the liberty to present, because Mr. Spinwall is a distinguished merchant, has important relations with California, and is a citizen of New York.

R. M. P.

Mrs. R. J. Walker,

Son of Quincy,

P.S. We have just received a deposit of ~~Albany~~ of California gold: its value about \$7650. It came to us from a house in Salem, Mass.

Prosser, Me., Jan. 17, 1849.

Dear Sir,

Mr. George C. Swallow, of this place, has it in contemplation to go to California. It has occurred to him that by proper effort he may possibly secure some appointment under Government, and it is on his behalf that I now address you. Allow me to state briefly some of the qualifications possessed by Mr. Swallow, & the particular purpose of the present letter.

Mr. Swallow is a young married man, of liberal education, - having been graduated at Bowdoin College in this place in 1843. Since that time he has been engaged in teaching, - having had charge of a Seminary in this town. Meanwhile his tastes have led him to bestow special attention upon the Natural Sciences, - particularly Botany, Mineralogy, and Chemistry, - which he has pursued under the direction of Professor Cleveland. During several years past he has had a good deal of practice in Chemical Analysis, in which he has the reputation of being very skillful.

The particular object of this letter is to inquire what has been done by Congress

with respect to the establishment of a
Branch Mint in California, what are
the probabilities that one will be estab-
lished, and whether any inquiry has yet
been made for suitable officers.

Mr. Small's arguments would lead him,
of course, in the event of such an insti-
tution being established, to look more par-
ticularly to the post of Assayer, or Melt-
ing Refiner, and his aim would be to bring
his name seasonably to the favorable notice
of the appointing power. He could readily
procure from this vicinity testimonials which
would be influential with the present Admin-
istration.

It gives me pleasure to communicate
with you in Mr. Small's behalf, and I shall
be truly gratified if you can afford any
information that will be of service to him.

Very respectfully,

& truly yours,

Geo. F. Downing

Dr. R. M. Patterson,

Director of the Mint,

Philadelphia.

Commonwealth of
Pennsylvania
vs
R. Hutchinson

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 18th is received. I will
thank you to say to me in writing whether in your
judgment the Commonwealth can safely proceed to trial
in the absence of Mr. Echfeldt.

Very Resp^tly

William W. Reed

Philad. Sunday Aug.

for the Attorney General.

P. M. Peterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
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Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Jan. 18, 1849.

Sir,

The inquiries made in your letter of the 9th inst. have called for investigations which have necessarily delayed my answer to this time.

To present the subject satisfactorily to the Committee, specimens of base coins have been selected, and various alloys prepared, which are sent herewith, and of which the following is a list and description.

No. 1. is a piece of ten centimes of France, containing 20 per cent. of silver; value nearly one cent. (1.86 cts) worn by circulation; newly cleaned.

No. 2. is a silber-groschen of Prussia, containing 22 percent. of silver; legal value 2.3 cents; actual value 1.86 cents; has been in circulation, as is shown by its condition.

No. 3. is a ^{guter-}gold-groschen of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach, in Germany; containing about 37 per cent. of silver; value nearly 3 cents (say 2.9 cts) worn by use, and lately washed.

No. 4 is a three-kreutzer of Austria, containing 34½ per cent. of silver; value, both legal and actual, 2½ cents; shows the appearance, ^{after sundry years,} of base coin, or billon, which has been pickled, to immerse, before striking, in weak sulphuric acid. By this process the copper is removed from the surface, and an appearance of fine silver is left. In this dress, coins of billon generally leave the mints; but after some wear they look much worse than if they had been left with their proper colour.

No. 5 is a piece of ten centimes of the Netherlands, containing 57 per cent. of silver; value 4 cents.

No. 6 is a quarter-real of Mexico, of about the same fineness as our own coin, (90 per cent.) and worth 3½ cents, or one thirty-second of a dollar. It is sent to show the inconvenience of a coin of so small a size.

No. 7 is a planchet weighing 17½ grains, and containing 20 per cent. of silver. The amount of fine silver is 3½ grains, worth .94 of a cent, leaving a .06 cent to pay for the copper, and a slight seigniorage to the government. This is a fair specimen for a cent piece. The planchet is cleaned, but not pickled, so that it appears in its proper colour.

No. 8 contains a planchet, intended to weigh 36 grains, containing 30 per cent. silver. The fine silver would amount to 2.91 cents, leaving .09 for copper, & seigniorage. Intended for a three-cent piece.

No. 9, two coins, of 22 grains, proportion of silver 50 per cent; actual value 2.96 cents; for a three cent piece. (~~55~~) (Stamped 3.)

No. 10, two coins, of 18½ grains, proportion of silver 60 per cent; value 2.99 cents, for a three cent piece. (Stamped III.)

From these specimens it appears that base alloys are very objectionable. In that of 20 per cent., the silver is nearly hidden. In a range from 20 to 30 per cent., long circulation will impart a mottled appearance, and, as in No. 2, the surface will become foul, — much more so than in mere copper. Such alloys can also be more readily imitated than higher ones, without the use of a particle of silver. And since the copper should be paid for out of the coin itself, the holder will have less intrinsic value, the lower the alloy is made. Moreover the silver in these base coins is useless for any other purpose, unless it be separated from the alloy, and, if we judge from the charges in France, it would cost about 1½ cents per ounce, or 5½ per cent. of value, to refine such alloys as Nos. 1 and 7. In France the coinage of billon has long

been discontinued, and in England it has never been
used. With us it ought certainly never to be introduced,
at least as a substitute for our present copper cent.

A three cent piece would certainly be a convenience,
and would be particularly so, if, as has been proposed, the
postage on letters should be reduced to this sum. Specie
mint Nos. 9 & 10, which have been struck with dies hastily
made, will show the appearance of this coin. The first con-
tains 50, and the second 60 per cent. of silver. At these pro-
portions, the pieces will retain their appearance tolerably
well, as may be seen in No. 5. It is very questionable,
however, whether the convenience of such a coinage would
justify an interruption in the unity of our standards,
and the circulation of a low alloy.

If it be deemed expedient, however, to adopt
such a coinage, I would ask for an opportunity to give
my views as to weight, fineness, and allowance in min-
ute, with my reasons therefor, before the bill is presented.

Very respectfully,

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R. M. Patterson,

Director.

Rev. Saml F. Vinton.

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No. 2 is a silber-groschen of Prussia, containing 22 per cent. of silver; legal value 2.3 cents—actual value 1.56 cents; has been in circulation, as is shown by its condition.

No. 3 is a guten-groschen of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach, in Germany; contains about 37 per cent. of silver; value nearly 3 cents, (say 2.95) worn by use, and lately washed.

No. 4 is a thalersentzger of Austria; con-

containing 34 1/2 per cent. of silver; value, both legal and actual, 2 1/2 cents; shows the appearance, after moderate wear, of base coin, or billon, which has been pickled, or immersed, before striking, in weak sulphuric acid. By this process the copper is removed from the surface, and an appearance of fine silver is left. In the dress coins of billon generally leave the mints; but after some wear they look much worse than if they had been left with their proper colour.

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Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,

Samuel J. Vinton,
Chairman of the Committee
of Ways & Means.

R. M. Patterson,
Director.)

Mont U.S. Phil Jan 15/1849

Dear Sir,

In compliance with your request, I have made inquiry respecting Capt. John Eckfeldt; and I learn he left Philadelphia in the latter end of December for the West India Islands; that he did not go out as commander of a vessel, that of which he was part owner having been sold; and that he went on business by which he expected to be detained at the Islands until July next

Rmbs

Wm. B. Reed, Esq
Dep. Attorney General
in ch.

Washington January 18. 1849

My dear Sir

Immediately on receipt of your letter I enclosed for you the Civil and Diplomatic Bill which would give the best reply to your enquiry as to the adoption of your estimates. When a point passes by for the moment here, it is not easy to catch up with it, and thus you have not yet received the Mint Bill which is now enclosed.

You have seen that progress is made towards the adoption of a newly fashioned and compounded Dollar - part gold and part silver. I concurred perfectly with you in your views about the pure gold Dollar and although all of the reasons do not apply, some of them do to the less valuable proposed coin. I strongly incline against any piece

of money beyond what we have already between half
a dollar and a quarter Eagle. It must
appear from a vote on the Motion to Suspend
Rules to make the N. York Mint the special order
of the day - that the measure is growing into favor.

Very sincerely yours

J R Ingersoll

J. M. Patterson

Treasury of the U.S.
18 Jan'y. 1849.

Sir

I enclose you Transfer draft No 764
in your favor on the Asst. Treas. U.S. New York, for
\$100000. - payable in foreign gold coin, which you
will please pass to my credit on coinage account.

Respectfully

Yr. obt. Svt.

W. J. Kern
Treas. U.S.

Treasurer of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Delivered to Asst. Sec'y Adams & Co.
Jan'y 20, 1849.

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Sir,

The annual assay at the mint is to be held on the 12th of next month, and I have the honor respectfully to request that you will ask the attention of the President to the appointment of the additional commissioners provided for by the 32d section of the act of Jan. 18, 1837.

Very respectfully
your faithful servant

Rm P.

Sir

(Hon R. J. Walker }
Secy of the Treasury }

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W. S. Mint,
Philad^a January 17th 1849.

Sir, I herewith return the pay
roll, with the receipt by mark of William
Goldlust attested.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obedient^{ly}

(signed) James Ross Menden
Menden

To
William Collins, Esq.
Sec. Auditor of the Treasury,
Washington.

Monticello, 13 Jan. 1849

Dear Sir,

I send herewith an official letter to ask that the President under-appoint, for the approaching annual assay, the Commissioner, whom he is authorized by law to designate, in addition to the Commissioners ex officio, - namely the District Judge, the District Attorney, and the Collector of the Port.

I hope I may be excused for following the practice, heretofore observed by the Director of the Mint, of respectfully suggesting to the President, through the Secretary of the Treasury, the names of individuals deemed proper to be selected for the occasion. I accordingly offer the following to his consideration.

Professor John Johnston of Middletown, Connecticut, and one of the faculty of the College in that place, and a chemist of distinction.

Professor John B. Benson, for many years, lecturer on Natural Philosophy in the Franklin Institute, and a man of general science.

J. J. Vanderkemp, Esq. of this city, a gentleman of talent and information, and of high standing and influence in the community.

Let me ask that the letters of appointment may be sent, in the first instance, to me, to be forwarded to the gentlemen named; in order that they may be furnished with information which they ought to possess in regard to the duty which they are invited to perform.

Yours Rm D

Wm R. F. Walker, Esq. Secretary

(Private & Confidential.)

Philadelphia, Jan. 16, 1849.

Dear Bachs,

The only proper answer that you can give to Dr. Riddell is that you know nothing of the case.

Now, in fact, Dr. Riddell himself must know all about it. He knows that the gold coins, made from his ingots, proved very unsatisfactory, at the last annual assay, annual assay here. ~~He then~~ ^{acknowledges} he knows, and ~~states~~ ^{states} in his letter to you, that he had added the neglect of his duties as an officer, and the transfer of these duties to a mere workman in the Mint.

I have recommended Dr. Farnum as his successor, and I know, from his course of duty in the Branch Mint at ~~Dakota~~ ^{Dakota}, that he is competent, assiduous, and honest.

Most truly yours,
R. M. P.

Prof. A. D. Bachs.

Treasury Department
First Auditory Office
January 16th 1849

Sir

The enclosed pay roll is returned to have the receipt
by mark of William Gilchrist attested —

Respectfully

Yours obt^l servt

W Collins

1st Auditor

To

James Ross Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Fund
Philadelphia

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Philadelphia, Jan'y 15 1849

Take Notice, you are rated for
the present year as follows:

the present year as follows:				
Real Estate,	-	-	-	\$ 80.000
Personal Tax,	-	-	-	
Income from Occupation,	-	-	-	
Dog,	-	-	-	
Household Furniture and Silver Plate,	-	-	-	
Moneys at Interest,	-	-	-	
Money loaned on mortgage,	-	-	-	
Stocks,	-	-	-	
Gold Lever Watch,	-	-	-	
Silver Lever Watch,	-	-	-	
Plain Gold Watch,	-	-	-	
Plain Silver Watch,	-	-	-	
Carrriage,	-	-	-	
Horses,	-	-	-	
Cows,	-	-	-	
Salary or Emoluments of Office,	-	-	-	

The Appeal will be held on the 1st day of Mar A. D. 1849 between the hours of 10 A. M. and 1 P. M., at the County Commissioners' Office, up stairs, west wing of the State House.

Sam^l E. Breed
Assessor.

To U S Mint

Ask him to give me the pamphlet.

Dear Sir,

The enclosed was received by me yesterday & I have no better way of expressing to you the kind of interest I have in it & to ask you to send it to me that I may answer it if I think it should be answered at all.

I send you a pamphlet of the organization of the Court. I have already printed & have to be printed in the future. I do not wish it to get out but have sent it to you in case the Court should like to see it.

With your interest in the subject
Yours A.D.B.
Jan. 15/42

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Jan. 13, 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, in which you ask me to communicate to the Department, on Monday morning next, if practicable, certain information desired for the use of the Auditor of the Supreme Court, or such portion of it as I may be enabled to furnish from the records of the establishment.

The information asked, is "The whole cost, including of the ~~mint~~ ^{of the mint} buildings and lots, and repairs, of the machinery, from the commencement of the establishment, and a description of the ^{present} ~~mint~~ buildings, and lots with a statement of the cost of it, including the lot."

I regret that it is not in my power to give a satisfactory ~~answer~~ reply to these questions. No separate account has been kept at the Mint for the cost of machinery and repairs. These expenses could be ascertained only by an examination, in detail, of the bills rendered, and as they spread over a period of 56 years, the labor would not only be very long, but also of doubtful accuracy, as it might be impossible to find the place of many of the items. Another difficulty arises from the circumstance that a great part of the machinery

is made and repaired by the workmen of the Mint, and as they are employed also in other duties, it is not possible to determine what portion of their wages should be charged to the respective objects of their work. I despair then of being able to give the information desired.

When the act for establishing a Mint was passed in 1792, a lot, for the purpose, was purchased, in 7th street between Market and Arch. It was 37 feet in front ~~to~~ and 49 in depth, and had, on the north side, a three story brick building. A corresponding building was erected to the south, and back-building was added. Subsequently a lot was purchased at the rear of the first, 28 1/2 feet wide by 81 deep. Nothing could be more unprofitable than the ~~the~~ edifices of the old Mint. They were sold in October 1835, with the lots on which they stood, for \$10,100.

The lot on which the present Mint is erected was purchased in May 1829. It reaches from Chestnut Street to Penn Square, and is 150 feet in front, by 204 in depth. The building erected upon it is 135 feet wide by 198 deep, with a court in the middle of 55 feet by 85, surrounded by terraces reaching from the principal and second stories. The whole exterior of the building is of marble, and there are Ionic porticoes, in the front and rear,

of sixty feet in width. The building has two stories and a basement, and the roof is covered with copper. The offices in the front, ^{of the} building are for the purpose. The machinery and apparatus, of every kind are of the best construction.

The cost of the ground, enclosure, paving, &c. was \$35,

The cost of the building, machinery, fixtures, 173,3

The cost of expenditures made under special appropriations for the years 1836 & 1837, for driving by steam power, and other extensive improvements, - - - - - 28,27

237,57

Other additions and improvements have been made, and are still making, in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} departments of the Mint, but they are principally executed by the workmen in the Institution.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,
R. M. P.

Dr.

Wm. R. S. Walker,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Wint. W. L. Phila Jan. 13, 1849.

Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 10th inst., requesting me to give a certificate that you had applied for the patent. Such a certificate, to be useful to you, should be accompanied by a declaration that your transactions with us had been entirely satisfactory, and this I could not say. I have to regret, therefore, that I cannot comply with your request.

Very faithfully,

Yours ob. servt.

R. M. Patterson.

Wm. D. Landon, Esq.

New York.

Treasury Department
Jan. 12. 1849.

Sir

The Department has been called on for the following information for the use of the Judges of the Supreme Court and it is desirable that it should be placed in their possession on Monday Morning -

I will thank you, therefore, to communicate to the Department, if practicable, by that time, such portion of it as you may be enabled to furnish from the Records of the establishment - -

1. The whole Cost (inc. repairs) of the Mint Building & Lots and of the Machinery from the commencement of the establishment - A description of the present building with a statement of the Cost of it, including the Lots.

I will thank you, also, for a copy or two of the Mint Laws if you have them to spare -

I am very Resp^{ly}.

P. M. Walker

Sec. of the Treasury.

D. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.

Christ Mass Phila Jan. 19, 1844.

Dear Sir,

Will you do me the favor of inquiring, at your former
office of the Committee of Ways & Means, whether any change has
been made from my solicits for this bill, and if any what
they may be. I find that the appropriation bill is urgent to
an early action, and if any variation has been made ⁱⁿ ~~in~~
any part of it, I wish to have an opportunity of expressing
my views.

But now pray you to send me any bills, ~~when~~ if
they be printed, for next Month.

R. W. D.

Yrs. Wm. R. Ingersoll.

Boston 11 Jan'y 1849

Franklin Peabody Esq.
Syr.

Allow me to introduce to you
the bearer, Mr. J. T. Hazen of Paris, who has come
to this country as an agent for Mr. Krupp of
Prussia, manufacturer of Rods used at mints &c.
He will be glad to avail himself of any kindness
you may show him, in enabling him to introduce
the rods in this country - You will be pleased with
the specimens he has in his possession & may doubtless
derive benefit from them - Any attention you may
show him will be gratefully received as a personal
favor by

Yrs respectfully

Isaac Ballitt

New York Jan^y 10th /49
Porter Patterson
(Dear Sir

It is my intention
to go to California, and I should like
a Certificate from you stating that
I have resided for the Mint as you will
ascertain by reference to your Books
I think it was in the year 1836-

I am informed that such a certificate
from you would be of essential service
to me - If you will be so kind as to
furnish me with such a Certificate you
will confer upon me a great favor

I shall here probably on the 15th inst
and should like for you to reply by return
of Mail - Direct to Mr D. Lander - Care
of Jennings & Lander 94 Nutton St
N. York

Very Respectfully Yours

Wm D. Lander

Washington City, Jan'y. 9th 1849.

Dear Sir,

The Committee of Ways & Means have had referred to them by the House of Representatives a resolution directing them to take into consideration the expediency of repointing a bill for reducing the size of the one cent piece, and authorise the coining of a three cent piece - both to be composed of copper and some other precious metal.

The Committee have directed me to inclose to you a copy of the resolution, which is herewith sent, and to ask you to do them the favor to give them your opinion respecting the expediency of the proposed measure, together with your views in regard to the convenience and inconvenience, if any, which might be expected to result from it.

I am, very respectfully,
Your Most Obedt. Servt

Saml. F. Vinton
Chairman

P. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint U.S.

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways
and Means take into consideration the pro-
priety of reporting a bill for reducing the
size of the one cent piece, and to authorize
the coining of a three cent piece - both to be
composed of copper and some other precious
metal.

Mint of the U. S. States,
Philada Jan^y 8 1849.

Sir, I have the honor to transmit,
herewith, an account of the Profits on the
Re Coinage of Foreign Coins and the
expenses of transportation of Foreign and
U. S. Coins, pursuant to ~~your~~ ^{the} direction
of Sept. 22 1847 from the Secretary of
Sept. 22 1847

Will you be so good as to
advise your ^{150.00} ~~Minister~~ ^{in my favor}
for \$5402 ~~the balance due to the~~
Ordering ~~from the~~ ^{from the}

United States. I have the honor to be
Very respectfully,
Yours obediently,
(signed) Philip H. Thomas

Wm. Robert M. ...
Secy of the ...

To Wm. Lloyd Garrison
New York

Wm. Lloyd Garrison
Boston, Jan. 8, 1849

Dear Sir -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst. I thank you for the proposition which you have made and have to state that I can on no condition or under any circumstances take advantage of it.

Very respectfully,
R. W. Patterson

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U. S. Mint, Phila. Pa.

Jan. 8, 1849.

To -

J. Smith Roman
Baltimore.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant,
I am sorry to say that I have not yet
the power of presenting the statement which
you desire, as I have not yet received the
reports from the Branch Mints. As soon
as these come into my hands I make report
to the President, which is also sent to
Congress and made public.

Very respectfully

Your faithful servant

15/ R. M. Patterson
Director

Dr J McPeterson

Pettus Hotel
6th Street, 49

Sir;

I am now offering for
sale an undivided $\frac{1}{3}$ interest of a quarter
mile in California adjoining Forbes' &
of as much again land, as he holds on the
supposed course of the river from my own
personal observations I can convince any one
that this property is of superior value to Forbes
which you probably ^{are} aware - is valued at 5
millions & worth 50, it is the property for sale
by J G Christie but is now under my entire control
I want ~~40,000~~ one hundred thousand dollars
for an undivided third each corner -

If you can arrange me of a sale at once
& it is not sold before I have proved you I will
come to the. Keep the proposition as possible
private as possible. Let me hear from you
at once I have just returned from California
& am well known to John Taylor of New London

Respectfully
W J Gray

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Office business ——— nearly doubled

U. S. Mint Jan. 5/49

Sir,

The amount of your deposits of gold, made on the 15th ult., is now ready for delivery in California gold.

It is no practice to pay for deposits at once as their value is not certain; but this could not be done in the present case because the payment was required in coin made of the bullion deposited. Before the bull. gold could be used it had to undergo the process of parting in order to separate from it the mass of silver which it contains. This was one source of delay. Another occurred by the time required for stamping the letters C. & S. on the quarter eagle as you desired.

Your payment of \$3910.10 will be made up of \$3474.64 in coin, and \$435.46 in two bars of gold as melted from the grain. The California gold demand for medals is from another deposit.

There is no doubt that you may safely extend the payment of your gold to Messrs. Adams & Co.

RMD

By Hon. W. A. Murray
Sec. of War

Melrose & Nelsons Office,
January 24th 1849.

Dear Sir,

The operations of this department of the
Mint, and their relation to those of the Treasurers
office, are respectfully presented to your notice as
a subject much requires, at this time, particular
attention.

You are doubtless aware, that during
the portion of the year 1846, subsequent to my entry
upon the duties of this office, I ~~was~~ ^{was} apprised of
changes, (with one exception, that of accounting
for and recording to the Treasurer all silver up-
-arated from gold deposits, and gold from silver
deposits, for which no credit is allowed to the
depositor,) and for the reason, that I desired to
become thoroughly acquainted with the practical
operations, which I found in use, and with which
the workmen had become familiar, before I
should venture to disturb a routine which my
predecessor had established, and which though
imperfect, is yet in many points excellent. It

was only thus that I could hope to retain all that was good, in modifying what was faulty.

The experience of the year 1846 convinced me, that thorough and radical reforms, especially in the silver-working, of all the operations except those of the separating room, should take place; and in anticipation of such a reform, I requested and obtained permission at year early in 1847 to construct a new and somewhat expensive experimental furnace for melting silver by flame, (copied after those of the mint of France), and also to fit up with all necessary apparatus to a laboratory for metallurgical investigations.

The furnace was built at a cost of probably \$1000, and \$200 were expended for chemical apparatus and tests, but, on account of the heavy expenses of the armory of 1847, I was obliged to limit my expenditures to those just mentioned; and the loss sustained by the contingent fund owing to the defalcation of General Hutchinson obliged me at the end of 1847 to suspend all alterations indefinitely.

During the year 1848 no modifications have, therefore, taken place in our department, and the routine previously adopted has been

slowly followed, with the exception of the trials
made of the new furnace, and a few experiments
in the separating room, having for their object
increased economy and benefit to depositors.
I regret that I cannot report ^{me of} the
furnace just mentioned to have been perfectly
satisfactory. There seems to be difficulty in pro-
ducing with it promptly the degree of heat
required to melt silver, which is attained only
after several hours, and consequently without
sufficient economy of fuel. It is probable,
that much greater heating power would have been
obtained if the workmen had known how to use
the furnace skilfully, but I do not think
that any degree of skill on their part would
produce economical expenditure of fuel, without
some modification of the present arrangement.
The combustion should be rendered more intense
by an increased supply of air, and the dimen-
sions of the fuel chamber should be reduced
to prevent undue absorption of heat in the
changes of fuel by the workmen, which causes a
continuous fire. I therefore suggest, that the
following changes be made at once in the
furnace: the draught increased, either by adding

to the height of the chimney or attaching a stack,
and the size of the fuel chamber diminished
by alteration of the grate &c.

It gives me pleasure to state, that in
every other respect the new furnace works atma-
nably, and that all the advantages anticipated,
such as lifting metal out of the furnace, are
fully realized.

In the ingot melting it is also highly
desirable that a new mode of casting be forth-
with adopted, and that, if possible, mechanical
conduances be employed by which the contents
of the pot may be cast at once.

It is, however, to the connexion of
the work of the melting department with the
transactions between the Treasurer and Repre-
sentatives, to the mode in which metal is kept,
the Treasurer is kept, and to the economical
administration of this department, that your
attention is particularly invited. And the follow-
ing facts are therefore presented for your
consideration.

1st The law proposed directs that
the weight of a deposit after melting shall

to that for which a depositor shall receive credit. This provision is designed to prevent loss on the part of the Government, by reason of impurities which are either retained or combustible in the furnace, such as mercury, dirt, &c. The present system of melting deposits is the same furnace in which the mint melting and other work of the mint & Revenue Service is performed is radically defective, and justice can be done both to the depositor and the Government only by rendering these two branches of work entirely independent. The depositor is to bear the actual loss sustained in melting for assays, and the melting department its own real wastage.

Our present estimated deductions for test &c. are made from many deposits, which are then delivered to the Mint & Revenue, while others are actually melted; all such estimates are mere probabilities, and, in the opinion of the committee, though based upon careful experiments performed with great skill they should either be abandoned for the reason that nothing but an exacting should be allowed in coin mint charges, or else subjected to a new and thorough investigation to ascertain of large quantities

the probability of results deduced from comparatively small trials.

2^d. The law of Congress regarding the Mint does not indicate clearly, whether deposits shall be melted under the responsibility of the Treasurer, or of the Minter & Receiver. The legal question is presented to your consideration and decision, that by virtue of the authority of general control conferred upon you by law, this matter may at least be settled by administrative regulation.

At present neither the Treasurer himself, nor the Minter & Receiver, has control of the deposit melting, but it devolves upon the Inspector, who, however faithful and competent, is not clothed with authority to act except in the name of the Treasurer. Any losses are reported only to him, and if they actually exceed the previously estimated value in coins &c. the account of the Minter & Receiver is debited with and must make good, the deficiency.

The probable remedy for this state of things is, that the deposit melting be separated entirely from the work of the Minter & Receiver, and that it be performed under the

responsibility; all deposits be weighed both before
and after melting, both in his office and that
of the Treasurer. Perhaps also estimated silver
pieces or dust or should be abandoned, and
the silver either washed with soap and acidula-
ted water or else actually melted.

3^d In all the work of the minting
department in deliveries of ingots to the Treas-
urer, and in transactions between the mint
and deposits, the weighings are performed with
the utmost accuracy and care. When ingots
are delivered, three persons attend and verify
the weighings by their independent observations.
But when gold is delivered to the Minter & Refiner
the gross weight is carefully checked at the time
in the Treasurer's office. But when silver bullion
is delivered to the Minter & Refiner by the Treasurer
it is sent to the melting room to be weighed
by the workmen with rough weights and scales,
which are not to be depended upon, and which
give ^{arise} mathematical calculations, so that errors
frequently occur. There is, therefore, usually
a check upon the accuracy of the weighing
in the Treasurer's office of silver bullion deliv-
ered to the Minter & Refiner, and if errors

shall occur in the accounts with depositors, they may be transferred to the ac^t of the Melter & Refiner without detection.

To remedy this defect it is only necessary that these deliveries of silver bullion should be made by weighings performed in the Treasurer's office, required by the Melter & Refiner at the time, as in deliveries of ingots &c.

4th In deliveries of gold ingots and clippings to the Treasurer, it is agreed that they shall have been previously cleared with acids. The question, whether all metal (especially silver clippings) which passes between the coining department and that of the Melter & Refiner, should not first be cleared as perfectly as possible, is respectfully submitted for opinion and consideration.

5th With the balances and weights now in use in the Melting Department it is impossible to weigh accurately and consistently. Therefore request that Mr. Comstock, or authorizer to procure without delay, such a balance and set of weights as will permit the weighings now in my office to be made

as exactly as they now are both in the Treasury
office and the Coining department; there
being no reason why the same degree of
accuracy should not be attained and con-
sistently practised in all the operations of
the Mint.

6th It is highly desirable, in
my opinion, on every account, that at
least an attempt should be made to intro-
duce into the melting department a system
of daily verification, so that it shall be no
longer the case, that the Melting Master
cannot tell at any time the precise state
of his stock, and must wait until the expi-
ration of the year before he knows his waste
& age, exposing, meanwhile, undivided
confidence in the honesty, fidelity and skill
of his workmen. The responsibility of his
office is too great to justify such laxness.
On this matter is centered particularly
deserving of attention at this moment, in
view of the heavy wastage in silver at the
past year, being about 7 1/2% of the legal
average; from which it is evident that a
little less care or skill on the part of the

workmen might have presented the entire-
missing condition of things, of an actual
waste age greater than the legal.

To carry this suggestion into effect
it is necessary, not only that weighings be
made in every instance carefully and exactly,
but also, that an independent set of books
be kept, which shall show the detail of
every operation, as well as all transactions
between the Treasurer and the Master and
Holders.

I, therefore, request that in the
exercise of the authority conferred upon you
by law, you will employ a person to perform
the duties of a weighmaster in the melting
department, who shall be competent to keep
records, and who may also render any other
aid which may be necessary to carry into effect
a more exact and perfect system of man-
agement and accountability.

In making this recommendation I
reserve to myself the right to require modifica-
tions of the arrangement in its discus-
sion at any time if not productive of the
anticipated results. But I wish it to be

distinctly understood, that it is to be merely
provisional and temporary, to be rendered
permanent only in case it should prove appro-
priate all that is necessary and desirable.
I also feel the more at liberty to urge this
request, because in the Mining department,
where the metal is in fewer and much
simpler forms, there is a person similarly
employed whose chief duty is that of weighing
counting &c; and for the same reason,
that if changes in the furnaces, melting
operations, &c, are to be made, they will
for some time demand so much of my own
time and attention that I could not attend
to all the weighings and keep such a set of
books as would be needed, even if such it
were felt that such work should be devolved
upon me, rather than upon a weighmaster
or assistant.

With reference to the details of
the proposed changes in the operations of the
melting department &c, I respectfully
suggest, if their general features meet with
your approbation, that you will refer them
to the Assayers, the Chief Clerk, and myself.

as a committee of inquiry to confer and report
to you upon the subject. And I also request
that you will act upon the matter as
promptly as your convenience will permit,
so that the operations of the year
1849 may be conducted upon a new and
more perfect system.

W. M. Patterson
Director.

Respectfully submitted
by your Obedt Servt
Chas. L. M. Collins
Walter H. L. L.

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 1849.
4, p.m.

Present

Director - Treas^r, C. Corner, Assayer,
Melter & Refiner, - Engineer, Ass^t Assayer, &
Clerk of weigh-room.

Obj^t of council stated by Director, viz
to act upon a suspicion of dishonesty on the part of Robert Peter a worker
in the Melting Room.

Facts of case recited by Melter & Refiner.

1. Loss of sovereigns, manner in which it was
ascertained.

Coins weighed twice by Mr. S. before
delivery to M & R. - Deficit found in one of
the boxes on a third weighing.

Circumstances of the jingling of the coin
in the vault, when R P was alone there.

Martin Summer's testimony; supplying of
gold from his own money; objecting to Robert's
having any thing to do with the weighing.

Unusually large wastage in gold.

Martin has suspected him, & continues to
suspect him. -

Mr. Sprague. Two weighings corresponded,
first weighing, 264 oz. each, second weighing

1500 ounces. Difference of 8th sovereigns
found on this weighing, in the top box.

MR; "R's manner is presumptuous, among
the melters, unpopular, as I suppose, on
that acct."

C. Coirer; "R. very fond of having his own
way; difficult to get him to take up
the boxes in order. Disagreeable Disposition."

Assayer; his conversation with Martin Sumner,

Mr. Sprague — as to his character,

~~Mr~~ Assayer; R came about 1831.

Conclusion. That the case gave rise to suspicion, though
without any direct evidence. What Porter was allowed to
assign his place in the Mint, and he did so.

New York Feb 28. 1849.

Director of U.S. Mint Phil^a.

Just at the request of a New Orleans,
house whom I represent I send a
package said to contain as follows

^{or dwt}
9.5. California Gold

1. 19. 11. old jewelry

2. 13. 8. good chain

I wish the Cal^d Gold tested and if
practicable made into quarter Eagles,
with the mark Cal on - The jewelry
I send also at the request as above, which
I wish a different assay made - and
when ready return me by Adams Express

Respy to

Yours

N. J. Scott
John. H. Obey.

Mont. Wt. Phil. Feb. 25 / 49.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 26th, asking my attention to certain
inquiries made by Baron Alexander Humboldt. The
information that I can command shall be cheerfully
communicated to you, but it may be necessarily delayed
for a few days.

R. M. S. P.
Jr.

Hon. Wm. M. Clayton }
Secretary of State.

In conformity with the provisions of the Act of Assembly, entitled "An Act relating to Taxes on certain Real Estate in the City and County of Philadelphia."

NOTICE.

You are hereby notified that the following Taxes are due and unpaid on certain Real Estate, situate in *West 10th St* in the City of Philadelphia, assessed in the name of *United States Mint*

To wit:

<i>County Four Hundred Dollars</i>	<i>400.00</i>
<i>State Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars</i>	<i>550.00</i>
<i>300 One Hundred and Fifty four Dollars</i>	<i>144.00</i>
	<i>144.00</i>
	<i>144.00</i>

And that if the said Taxes are not paid to me before the first day of April next, the same will be registered, and that an addition of six per centum will be charged thereon until paid, according to the provisions of the Act of Assembly, passed on the third day of February, 1824, entitled, "An Act relating to Taxes on certain Real Estate in the City and County of Philadelphia."

My residence is *10 South 10th St*
City of Philadelphia, *July 27th*

1850

Simon Bridge

J. Robert M. Patterson Esq

In conformity with the provisions of the Act of Assembly, entitled "An Act relating to Taxes on certain Real Estate in the City and County of Philadelphia."

NOTICE.

You are hereby notified that the following Taxes are due and unpaid on certain Real Estate *for 1848*
situate in *Johnston St* in the *City*
of Philadelphia, assessed in the name of *United States Mint*
To wit:

<i>County Tax</i>	<i>One Hundred</i>	<i>balls</i>	<i>400</i>
<i>State Tax</i>	<i>One Hundred & Forty</i>	<i>balls</i>	<i>240</i>
<i>One One Hundred & Forty four</i>	<i>balls</i>	<i>144</i>	<i>74400</i>

And that if the said Taxes are not paid to me before the first day of April next, the same will be registered, and that an addition of six per centum will be charged thereon until paid, according to the provisions of the Act of Assembly, passed on the third day of February, 1824, entitled "An Act relating to Taxes on certain Real Estate in the City and County of Philadelphia."

My Residence is *At 246 1/2 N*
City of Philadelphia, *Feb 27* 1849

To James R. Snowden Esq

James H. Hays

In conformity with the provisions of the Act of Assembly entitled "An Act relating to Taxes on certain Real Estate in the City and County of Philadelphia."

NOTICE.

You are hereby notified that the following Taxes are due and unpaid on certain Real Estate situate in *Middle Ward* in the *City* of Philadelphia, assessed in the name of *United States Mint*.
To wit:

<i>Market Building</i>	Valuation <i>5805</i>	<i>484</i>	<i>\$484-</i>
<i>Cor. Chestnut & Market</i>	<i>80.00</i>		
<i>M. S. Mint</i>			

And that if the said Taxes are not paid to me before the first day of April next, the same will be registered, and that an addition of six per centum will be charged thereon until paid, according to the provisions of the Act of Assembly, passed on the third day of February, 1824, entitled "An Act relating to Taxes on certain Real Estate in the City and County of Philadelphia."

My Residence is *No 161 Arch St. Below 5th*
City of Philadelphia, *Feb 26* 1849

Jas R. Anderson Esq
Treasurer } *Haack & Co*

U.S. Mint Phila. Feb. 27
1879
To -
Messrs. Ballou & Co.
145 Reed St
New York

Gentlemen -
On the receipt of your letter of
yesterday I made inquiry of
Adams & Co. and found that
the missing sum composed of
\$245.60 in gold and \$27.05 in silver
was miscounted to them by us on the
16th inst. and was carried to
their office where it remained
because they had no note as
to its destination. They are
now informed and you will
receive the amount due to
you without further delay.

Very respectfully
Wm. Patterson
Director

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 Hon^{ble} Mr. Patterson
President of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

New York Feb 26. 1849

Sir

A rare numismatic work having
been offered me at a very low price, I
think it my duty to advise you of the fact
and to ask you if you want it bought
for the Library of the mint. It is

J. D. Köhlers Historische Münzbeschrei-
gen, darinnen allerhand merkwürdige & rare
Thales, Taleren, Scheinstücken, Klippen und
andere sanderbare Gold & Silbermünzen
von mancherley Alder, accurat in Kupfer
gezeichnet, beschrieben und aus der Historie
umständlich erkläret werden 8, 2, 2, 6.

Title translated:

J. D. Köhlers Historical numismatic
entertainments, in which are accurately
engraved on copper and historically explain-
ed all kinds of curious & rare Dollars, Taleren,
round & cornered medals and other
curious Gold & Silver Coins

14 vols 4^{to} bound in 7 volumes
published 1729 to 1742 at Nürnberg

The copy is in very good condition
the engravings beautiful & impressions
without reproach.

At the price asked for it is only
\$10.00 I have thought this a rare
opportunity for you to acquire the work
and therefore request you to let me
know if I shall take it for you

Your obt. servt.

Rudolph Garrison

foreign Banknote
2 Barclay Street House

New York July 26. 1849
N. S. Mint

Gentlemen

We forwarded
by Adams the Express on the 9th Inst
enclosed in a small Box & sealed
4 Bars Silver weighing 274¹/₂ lbs

1 Mixed Bullion 42¹/₂ lbs
and on the 23rd Inst we received
from Adams the returns of 4 Bars
Silver of 310³/₄ lbs, but as there was
no mention in the Receipt
at the Mint of the Bullion
we much like to know from
you by return Mail whether
it is in your possession - as it
cannot give us the information

Yours Resp.

Baldwin & Sexton
145 Reade St.
N. York

Mint, N.Y.

Phil. Feb. 24/49.

Sir,

The grains which you sent in your letter of the 21st inst. present the flattering appearance of gold, but I am sorry to inform you that they do not contain a particle of that precious metal. The red scales are nothing more than the officious bands of Iron.

R. M. P.

Alex. Hamilton, Esq.

W. S. Abbott
Philad^a Feb. 24, 1849.

Sir,
I herewith forward
you the 'weekly statement' ending the
day, showing the state of the Bullion
and public money deposited in the
Mint, by the Treasurer of the U. S.

Very respy,
Yours ob^d serv^t
(signed) Jas. R. Shordan
Treas^r

To
Wm. Selde Esq
Treas^r U. S.
Washington }

Wm M de Patterson M D

Director of the Mint of the United States.

Sir

We the officers of the Mint, charged with the duty of carefully conducting the operations of our several departments, are deeply impressed with the responsibility which rests upon us, in the charge of large amounts of Bullion, and Coin, in the course of the operations of Melting, Coining, &c &c and their transfer through the various offices, according to the legal regulations of the Establishment: With this responsibility resting upon us we feel compelled, respectfully, to ask your attention to the inconsequence, and risk to which we are exposed by the influx of visitors, to the Establishment: an evil now fearfully great, and continually on the increase.

The facility with which evil disposed persons, can under the present regulations, enter and inspect the premises and operations, repeatedly and at their leisure, is too obvious to need our sanction, and a recent attempt to rob a customer of the Mint in open day, shows the audacity of evil disposed persons in this City, and proves that attention has been drawn to the Mint, by such persons as a likely place for profitable operations.

We will not presume to enter into an

enumeration of the many objectionable circum-
stances, attendant on the present usages, we
have no doubt that you have suggested
themselves to your mind; we therefore, without
further remark, solicit authority, to carry
into effect such regulations as may be
devised, adapted, to protect the interests of
depositors, facilitate business, and secure,
the safety of the precious metals with which
we are charged.

With the greatest respect
we remain your Obedt Servts

Saml Rags Snowden
Treas. U.S. Mint.
Cincinnati, Ohio
Chief Engr. U.S. Mint.
Richd. S. McCulloch
J. R. Eckfeldt assayer
Wm. C. DuBois Asst. assayer

James B. Longacre, Engraver

Mint of the United States
Philad. 23rd Feb. 179.

Visitors may be admitted to the Mus. by
an observance of the following regulations, on
the part of the Officers of the Establishment, as
mutually agreed, on this the day

All persons desirous of visiting the Mus.
must make application by writing, or other-
wise, to one of the Officers, stating the name
of the applicant, and the place of residence.
Whereupon the person so applying, shall be
furnished with a printed order of admissions,
signed by the Officer to whom application
has been made, the blanks in which shall
be filled up with the date, when the order
is issued, and also fixing the day and
hour when the persons are to be admitted.
The form of the order to be as follows

Mus. of the United States.
Philadelphia 18

Admit Mr _____ to the Mus.
to witness the operations in progress, in the
different departments, on _____ ~~the~~ ~~between~~
between the hours of 9 & 12 o'clk. A. B. C.

_____ ~~Conc.~~ or Sec.
Do the Secretaries &
Conductors.

Notice to be placed on the Mus. door
from 9 to 12 o'clk every day.
By order of the Secretary of the Mus.
Visitors to the Mus. cannot be admitted except
on application in writing, stating name and

residence & when practicable with letter of
introduction or personal reference. In a
Colonies, by an order signed by an Officer,
assigning a time for such visit.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Feb. 23, 1849.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst., in which you propose a design for a one dollar gold coin, to be composed of a disk of gold enclosed in a circle of steel.

Your plan is virtually the same as one recently suggested in England, except that in this the ring is of silver and not of steel. This, I must candidly say, ^{a better arrangement} ~~is~~ I think ~~less objectionable~~ than that still ^{proposed,} ~~you have suggested~~ ~~while I consider both of them~~ ~~as presenting so many objections that they ought~~ ~~not to be substituted for the coins of gold alone.~~ while I consider both of them as presenting serious objections.

I thank you for your ingenious suggestions, though I cannot think that it ought to be substituted for the coins of gold alone.

R. M. P.

Charles W. Henry, Esq.
New York.

Bank of America
February 25th 1849

Dear Sir

This morning my porter
left at the Mint two parcels, one
gold bullion, the other, foreign coins,
for coinage, and brought but one
Certificate for the whole. As the bullion
belongs to the State Bank of North Carolina
at Fayetteville, and the coins to this
Institution, I shall be at a loss what
sum to credit, unless they are separately
assayed. I will be obliged by your
having them separated, and two
Certificates of assay issued, as it
is our custom to forward the Certificate
of assay from the Mint, to our
Correspondent.

Very respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
Hockley Cashier
Bank N.C.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

23. ^{July} 1848.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

*James P. Snowden Esq.
Appt. Secy*

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it; should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses.

Mr. J. M. Smith
Philad^a Feb. 22, 1847.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge
the rec^d of your order in my favor on
the Collector of the Ins^r for \$153.50, being
in full of a/c. rendered 8th ult.

I am the honor to be

Very respec^t

Yours Obed^t Serv^t

(signed)
James Ross Snowden
Treas^r

Wm. Robert Wacker
Secy of Treas^r

St. M. M. Patterson Director of the
Mint I in case a specimen of Mineral
found on my place in a large
~~small~~ quantity, which I want you
to examine to ascertain the true
quality of it if gold send me a state
not of the same to Mifflin County
Newton Hamillan also the true
value in its present state that
is in the ore yours &
Feb 21st 1849 Alex Hamillan
Esq

Scaly Red Oxide of Iron
a Micaceous oxide of Iron

Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office.

February 21st 1849.

Sir:

Your accounts of Copper Coinage,
for the 3^d & 4th quarters of 1848, have been
adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance of
\$ 4,131.84 stated to be due from you to the
United States.

Very Respectfully,

Your O^bd^t S^{vt}

Wm. C. C.

Comptroller.

James R. Snowden Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

Mont W. S. Paul February

Dear Sir,

On reviewing my account an error was found which was fully traced to the statement of the proceeds of your deposits made on the 13th ult. The amount was in consequence of an error in subtraction, set down as \$7009.50, and this sum was paid to you. It is now found that the true amount due to you was \$7099.50, being a difference of \$1000.00; which will be paid to you on your application at the Mount.

R. M. P.

Cassius M. F. Northrup.
385 Market St.

U. S. Mint,
Philad^a February 21. 1849

Sir, I have the honor to transmit
to you the enclosed certificate of the Directors
of the Mint, in reference to the suspended
item, therein mentioned.

With the highest respect
Yours obt. serv^t

(signed) J. Ross Snowden
Treasurer.

Hon. J. W. McCulloch
1st Comptroller of the Treasury

Unit of the United States

Philadelphia, Feb. 21, 1847

I have before me a communication from J. W. McCulloch Esq., Trust Comptroller of the Treasury of the United States, in which he presents the adjustment of the accounts of James Buchanan Esq., as Treasurer of the United States. In this statement there is the following entry:

"Amount paid George W. Edelman, 4 quarters 1847, for extra services, as suspended for services that he was appointed by the Director, with the approbation of the President of the United States" \$1100

I therefore, hereby certify, that, at the period in question, George W. Edelman was a Clerk in the Mint, appointed by me, with the approbation of the President of the United States.

(Signed) R. M. Patterson

Director U. S. Mint



No 264 Broadway N York
20th February 1849

Sir,

Herewith I beg to submit to your inspection a design for one dollar gold coin as exhibited by the accompanying sketch

The plan consists of a disk of gold inserted in a steel ring, and stamped like any other coin but so that a portion of each one of the letters may fall both on the gold and on the steel.

The advantages of this method would be

- 1st To make the piece of any convenient size without lowering the standard of the gold.
- 2^o It would have a peculiarity readily distinguishing it from all other coins.
- 3^d There would be an increased difficulty in counterfeiting or mutilating the coin, and nearly impossible of to replace the gold with a base

as the parts of the lettering could not be made to correspond, as in the true coin.

4th The process of milling would be dispensed with

5th And more important than all the other considerations, the damaging of wear & friction, while the objections seem to be only that of a slight addition, say five per cent to the expense of coining — and the unequal wear of the dies, and the piece would not have the clear ^{ringing} ring of a solid gold coin.

I am sir very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Charles W. Stearns

To the Superintendent of the
U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office.

February 20th 1849.

Sir:

Your accounts of Ordinary Expenses, from
the 1st of October 1847, to the 1st of October 1848,
have been adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance
of \$26,509.65 stated to be due from you to the
United States.

Balance per your accounts \$ 3,509.65
Add,

Amt. paid George W. Edelman, 4th q^r. 1847.
for extra services - Suspended for evidence that
he was appointed by the Director, with the
approbation of the President of the U. States 100.00
Warrants not credited viz:

No. 5814	dated 24 th October 1848.	\$ 2100	
" 6235	" 29 th November "	2000	
" 6534	" 22 ^d December "	16800	
" 7206	" 25 January 1849	2000	22,900.00
			\$ 26,509.65

James R. Snowden Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

Wm. A. R. Smith

New Bedford Feb 7th 1849.

W. M. Patterson Esq
Philadelphia.

Sir

Allow me to introduce to
your acquaintance Oram Thompson Esq. who will
hand you a letter from Hon W. J. Mackay sent me
through the Hon Joseph Grennell M.C.

I am at the head of a joint stock company of fifty persons
going to California in the Ship Mayflower from this
place. I deem it of great importance, that one, or
more members of our Association should have the knowledge
to assay, refine, and put gold into bars of U. S. Mint
standard.

Oram Thompson is a man of great
integrity of purpose. Any information imparted to him
that may be compatible with the regulations of the
U. S. Mint, will confer a great favor on your

Yours
Chas. Randall

Dear Sir

The bearer of this is Mr Charles
A. Mason of this City a gentleman I have
known for many years who desires to be per-
sonally known to you.

I commend him to your con-
sideration and know him to be worthy of confidence.

Yrs truly
J. V. Page.

Dr. Rob. M. Patterson.
Capt. U. S. Milit.

Feb. 19. 1849.

New York Feb 19 1859

41 Wall Street

Scott Edelman Esq.

Sir

Delivered to the
agents of Messrs. Lumsden & Co., bag
containing various coins for assay
at the United States Mint, the agent
misrecording the name under which it is
to say E. M. & Co., instead of
our firm. The agent also marked
the bag by that name.

Respectfully Yours

Wm. D. Smith

I received the above mentioned bag of coins and upon the

same statement to be made by the agent.

Washington City, July 18, 1889

My dear Sir,

I have fully succeeded in having my
account settled. The 1st Comptroller has decided
the questions in my favor and the Secretary of the
Treasury has approved the decision. I remain con-
tinuously to see the forms properly gone through
with. Not having occasion to call upon the
Secretary, Mr. Walker, I did not permit your letter.

I expect to be home on Wednesday,

Very truly yours,

Samuel R. Chandler

D. R. M. Patterson

Director U.S. Mint.

Dep. to office Feby. 7th / 69
Mr. E. Hobbs
acting Sec.
U. S. Mint

Sir I have this day paid
Adams H. two hundred
thousand dollars as per your
order, and being the amount
of transfer draft No. 766 drawn
in favor of the Sec. of the mint
Philadelphia. Please acknowl-
edge the receipt of the money.

Yours &c
Wm. B. Rogers
Dep. Sec.

Copy
made

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
February 17, 1848

Sir,

In compliance with your request that I would present my views upon the claim of James H. Burdett Esq, Treasurer of the United States Mint, to be allowed credit, in his account with the United States for so much of the sum of Twenty three thousand two hundred and thirty eight dollars and thirty one cents, part of the fund applicable to the payment of the ordinary expenses of the Mint, which sum was ascertained and reported to you by R. M. Patterson Esq, Director of the Mint, on the 5th January 1848, to have been imployed by Randall Hutchinson, Clerk for the Treasurer, as has not been hitherto recovered, to wit: the balance of Sixteen thousand, one hundred and eighteen dollars and thirty one cents; which with the sum of Two thousand two hundred and twenty dollars, recommended by said Clerk as money of the United States at the island of St Thomas and restored to the Mint by J. M. Pettit Esq, District Attorney of the United States - and the further sum of Five thousand dollars, paid to the Mint by J. Pennington Hutchinson, Secretary of the Official Board of said Clerk to the United States, the sum of - will account for the whole sum of Twenty three thousand, two hundred and thirty eight dollars and thirty one cents, imployed as aforesaid. I have now the honor to state, that the sum of Sixteen thousand and eighteen dollars and thirty one cents claimed by the said Burdett should be allowed to him in adjustment of his account as Treasurer of the Mint, by charging Randall Hutchinson

therein on the books of this Department, being
this sum, as part of the fund applicable to the
payment of the ordinary expenses of the Mint,
was (in obedience to regulations prescribed by
R M Patterson, Director of the Mint, in the
exercise of the discretionary power vested in him
by the 1st Act of the 2^d Sec. and the 3^d Sec. of
the Act of Congress supplementary to an Act
entitled An Act establishing a mint and
regulating the Coins of the United States, approved
15 January 1837,) placed actually in the possession
and under the special charge of said Hutchinson,
in a separate chest, of which he kept the Key.

And that the said Treasurer is entitled to
credit not only equitably but lawfully for the
above mentioned balance of money Sixteen thousand
and eighteen dollars and thirty one cents as it had
been legally placed in the hands and under the
control of another officer, (see Section 2^d of the
aforesaid Act), — one who was appointed by said
Director, with the approbation of President Van Buren
(see Section 3^d *Ibid*), — and who, as a clerk of the
Mint, before he entered upon the duties of his
Office, took an oath, before Jos Hapkinson, Judge
of the United States Court for the Eastern District
of Pennsylvania, faithfully and diligently to
perform the duties thereof, (see *Ibid* Section IV),

and became bound to the United States with
bonds to the satisfaction of Secretary Woodhenge,
(see *Ibid* Section V), in the sum of four thousand
dollars.

From what has been stated you will perceive
that the regulations made by the Director of the
Mint, in the exercise of authority conferred on
him by law, which prescribed the duties of said
clerk and placed the fund applicable to the
payment of the ordinary expenses of the Mint

in his hands, were made long before Mr
Snowden became its Treasurer. And you will
find when you shall refer to the letter that was
addressed to you by the Director, on the 5th day of
January 1848, in which he announced the aforesaid
embezzlement to you, — and shall read a letter
that he addressed to me on the 20th day of said
Month, with reference to said embezzlement in
reply to mine of the 17th day thereof, also the
evidence given, as the trial of Randall Hutchinson,
as detailed in Minutes furnished by J M Pettit
Esq. Assistant Attorney General by the said Director
and by Isaac Beach Esq. the immediate predecessor
of Mr Snowden. — that the said fund was not
only quarterly but at the close of each month,
examined and compared with the Account thereof,
kept in a book of the Mint provided for that
purpose, that such examinations were deemed
all sufficient by the Directors to ensure the safe
keeping and faithful application thereof, — and
that at each of said examinations, the said fund
was found to have been so kept and applied,
until the examination which occurred shortly
after the close of the 4th quarter of the year 1847, —
the same having been delayed a few days by the
escape of said Hutchinson, who took with
him the aforesaid Key, and until he returned
it, as he did from New York.

In view of the facts and law aforesaid,
I do not doubt that Mr Snowden is justly
entitled to the credit which he claims for the
sum of sixteen thousand and eighteen dollars and
thirty one cents, the unvested balance of the money
embezzled by Randall Hutchinson as aforesaid to
the adjustment of his accounts. — and I shall
propose to give it without delay, unless you shall
see and state good and sufficient cause for

its being any longer withheld -

With great respect

Your Obedt Servant

J. W. Weller

Comptroller

Recd R. J. Walker
Secretary of the
Treasury

Report to the Secretary of
the Treasury - on the Admin-
istration of the Department
of the Treasury - the object of the
audit is to ascertain, & the
amount of the expenditures
incurred on the 16. 078 $\frac{31}{100}$

The fund contributed by
Rensselaer Institute, a
Bank of New York -
and 17 $\frac{27}{100}$ 44 by
the Treasury

Comptroller

Henry J. Walker

Feb 19 1849

Received in the Treasury
Department by the
Comptroller

Recd R. J. Walker

Aug. 1849

U. S. Mint,
Philad. Feb. 16th, 1849.

Sir,
I have this day received from your
Treasury transfer draft, No. 766, in my favor,
on the U. S. Treas. U. S. at N. York, dated 13th inst.
for Two hundred thousand dollars, payable
in foreign gold coin, which I have sent for,
in the usual manner, and when received
will place to your credit on the books of the
Mint.

Very respectfully,
Wm. C. Cress

(signed) J. R. R. Snow
Treasurer,
for Wm. C. Cress Acting Treasurer

(Private.)

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Feb. 15, 1849.

Dear Sir,

The Treasurer of the Mint, - Col. Snowden, -
with the purpose of urging upon the Department
the settlement of his accounts remaining unadjusted.
In this connection are the 3d & 4th quarters of 1847, and
the 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th quarters of 1848, of the Ordi-
nary Accounts; and the 3d & 4th quarters of 1848 of
the Copper and Bullion Accounts.

I earnestly join with Col. Snowden in soliciting
the adjustment of these accounts. We are careful and
prompt in presenting them, and it is painful to us to
remain so long in uncertainty as to their approval
at the Department.

Very respectfully,

Your friend and servant

P. M. Patterson.

Wm. R. J. Walker,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Treasury Department
Feb. 15. 1849.

Sir

Enclosed you will find an order
in the Collect of Philadelphia for \$153.50 being one
half of the expense incurred in the transportation of
foreign Coins to the Mint for recoinage as appears by
your a/c received at the Department.

I am very Resp^l

P. Mack

Sec. of the Treasury.

J. D. Snowden Esq
to the Mint.

Yale College. Analyt. Laboratory
New Haven Feb 14 1849

Dr Robert W. Patterson

Director of the Mint.

Philadelphia

My Dear Sir

This note will be handed to you by Mr Wm H Hayden of Weydenville N.Y. and a graduate in the last Class from this College. Mr Hayden has lately for a few weeks been in this Laboratory assaying gold & silver under my direction and in general by the routine process of the Mint although he has also worked somewhat in the wet way as well as by the cupel & furnace. I am happy to say that I believe Mr Hayden to have acquired a very creditable degree of skill in the delicate art of assaying accurately & believe that he can now go forward with suitable apparatus being at mouth which will bear competition by more experienced Analysts. Mr Hayden is bound for San Francisco he visits Colorado however with very different objects from those of the gold hunter. He is connected with an enterprising Company of French Capitalists who are sending out from his village a mining apparatus and all the appliances to detect in nature. Mr H is to act as Assayer & Director of this new mine & it is their object to give a coin of uniform value (say $\frac{1}{100}$) of the same denominations as our own & to give it as high a character for trustworthiness as possible. How strange anomaly of the Law which permits this assumption of sovereignty by individuals but so it is - I have felt ambitious since our national emblem

considerable credit with a view to the character of this loop hole in the
law - to do all in my power to insure a success for California
which will have an uniform substantial value. With this
object that I comply with Mr. Haydens request & that of his
company in recommending him & his enterprise to your notice with
the hope that he may be allowed to look around the Mount
Pisidaily from day to day (in a manner consistent with your
rules) and to secure such information as he will naturally
desire regarding its practical details. The agent of the company
(Mr. Tracy) was in Washington last week for the sake of an inter-
view with Mr. Walter at the Treasury, who treated his plans
with unexpected favor. I have also ventured to give Mr. Hayden
a little of introduction to Messrs. Schuyler & Embury, & asking for
him some practical information as to procuring supplies &c.

Excuse me for taking up so much of your valuable time
I am not expressing my object in this paper. I am sure that you
can rely upon Mr. H. & his principals as men of integrity
who have character & property at stake & who will be ambitious
to carry out their plan with energy and fidelity. Trusting
that you will be disposed to do all in your power for Mr. H.
I close with many assurances of my high consideration
which I remain very respectfully & truly

Yours obdt. servt.

W. Seligman, Jr.

Unit U.S. Philad. Feb. 13, 1849

Sir,

I have the honor to send herewith a copy of the minutes of the Commission who were engaged yesterday & at the annual assay at the mint. You will see that all the members were present, - that the investigation was conducted with great care, - and that the results were satisfactory.

Yours Rm D

W

By

Am. R. J. Walker, Sec. of Treas.

Treasury of the United States
13 February 1849.

Sir,

Enclosed I hand you Transfer
draft No 766, in your favor on the Asst. Treasurer U.S.
New York for \$200,000. payable on demand in foreign
gold coin, which you will please pass to my credit,
on Bullion account.

Respectfully
yours obt. Servt,
W. J. Lin
Treas. U.S.

Treasurer U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
February 13. 1879

Sir

The Treasurer of the United States has, this day, been instructed to issue a transfer draft for \$200,000 - on the Asst. Treasurer at N. York in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint - payable in foreign gold coins.

As the Department may find it necessary to draw on the Mint, in the course of a few days for a similar amount in American Gold coins - it may, perhaps, be desirable to have the recoinage effected at as early a period as may be.

I am very Resp^t.

R. Maclean

Secy of the Treasury.

D. W. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
February 12th 1829

Sir

Your letter of the 9th inst is received and the error to which
you refer properly noted - The accounts to which you have
called my attention for immediate settlement I have the honor
to inform you are delayed in consequence of the Comptroller of
the Treasury not having acted upon the accounts of previous
Quarters

Respectfully
Yours Obedient
W Collins
1st Auditor

To
James Keay Treasurer of the
Museum of the Mint
Philadelphia

U. S. Mint,
Philad. Feb. 10th 1849.

Sir, I, Pierwith, forward you
the "weekly statement" ending this day,
showing the state of the Bullion and
public money deposited in the Mint, by
the Treasurer of the U. States, with a cancelled
voucher.

Very respy
Yours ob. servt
(Signed) Geo. R. Snowden
Treas.

To
Wm. Seligman Esq.
New York

U. S. Mint Feb. 7. 1869.

Dear Sir, I rec^d. this morning a letter from the Sec. of the Treas^y, authorizing me to pay from the ordinary fund of the Mint, the deficit of \$50³/₁₀ as stated in my letter to you of a former date and which arose from the fact that the South American doubloons did not yield as much as you had stated them at.

I have thought it proper to inform you that the deficiency has been made good, so that you may be put to no further inconvenience in reference to the matter.

In order to avoid any further difficulty I would suggest that there is a difference in the fineness of the S. A. Doubloons, many of them are below the fineness at which they are stated - the act of Congress I will furnish you with a particular statement on the subject if you desire it.

Very truly
Yours

(Signed) Jas. R. Snowden

Treas^y

U. S. Mint
Philad^a Feb^y 9, 1849.

Sir,

In my Bulletin Ap^l, for the 4th Quarter of the last year, a slight clerical error inadvertently escaped my notice, to which I wish to call your attention.

You will perceive by reference to Abstract 105, ^{as added} "Gold Bullion Deposited for Coinage", that Dep^o no. 754 is entered as of the Stand. wt. of 9.985, and by comparing the same with the assay report of the same number you will find that the Stand. wt. is 9.885; the value being correctly stated, this discrepancy of course appears only in the column for the weight, and the balance for of the ap^l which is \$235,477.10 ~~should have~~ ^{for its equivalent} Stand. wt. 12,656.893 instead of 12,656.993. Will you have the kindness to regard this correction in making your report on my ap^l.

I take this occasion to invite your immediate attention to the selection of my various ap^ls not yet reported on.

They are as follows.

Ord^y Ap^l. for 2^d & 3^d Qu^{rs} 1847 and the whole of 1848.
Cy^per & Bullion Ap^l. for 2^d & 3^d Qu^{rs} 1848.

Very res^{ly}

Wm. H. R. R. R.

Wm. H. R. R. R.

W. S. Mint,
Philad^a Feb^y 9th 1849.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter dated 6th inst, in-
structing me to transfer from the contingent
fund to the bullion fund of the Mint \$50 ⁵⁹/₁₀₀
being the amount of deficit in the payment
of a Treasury transfer draft, in foreign gold
coins. In conformity with these instructions,
I have made the requisite transfer, crediting
myself on the ordinary ~~account~~ ^{draft to the \$50.59} and debiting myself
for the amount of the Treasury draft in the Bullion a/c.

I beg leave to call your attention
to my letter of the 8th ult to the department, en-
closing an a/c for the ^{cost of} transportation of foreign
coins to the Mint and the profits on reconveyance,
showing a balance due me from the U. S. Mint
of \$153.80. I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,
Wm. S. Mint

Sam^l Postlewaite
Treas^r U. S. M^t

Wm. S. Mint

Min^{tr} of the United States.

Philadelphia, Feb. 8, 1849.

Sir,

Your letter of the 4th inst. did not come into my hands till yesterday, and for the information which you ask I ^{now} present the following ~~facts~~ statements.

1. The coinage in this Mint in 1847 was \$11,348,366. This is by far the greatest amount that has been deposited, and yet it did not reach the capacity of the Mint for coinage. The coinage designed and executed, ⁱⁿ for the last year, was but \$3,265,138.

2. Of the amount coined in 1847, there was sent, on Government Account, under the act of Feb. 9, 1793, \$7,597,806 from the New York, and \$1,551,033 from Boston.

3. These sums were carried by Adams' Express. The expense of transportation hither, ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{post} ~~and~~, was paid me \$8,615,799 of the amount above mentioned, and also in \$4,485,812, which was returned. The whole amount transported therefore was \$3,479,990. The ~~hundred~~ ^{hundred} and four drams ^{carried} ~~carried~~ to the Mint from Boston, New York, and Baltimore, and returned, have for many years been almost exclusively entrusted to the Express Line, and not a single instance of loss has occurred to my knowledge.

\$12,101,800, and the total cost was \$5,474.80

4. When the ^{public} deposits of public money gold and silver, authorized by the 31st Act. of the Mint Act of Jan. 18, 1837, is of a liberal amount, the delay of payment to the depositors need rarely extend beyond the time required for the Assayer, which is usually on the ^{second} day following that in which the deposit is in coins of a well ascertained value, the return may be made on the same day.

5. I cannot pretend to give an estimate of the cost of a Mint at New York. ~~It~~ ^{that} should be at least upon as large a scale as that at New Orleans, and the appropriations made for the buildings, machinery and fixtures of that Mint, prior to its commencing operations, amounted to \$312,000. The building is of brick, without architectural pretensions, on the lot on which it ~~was~~ ^{is} situated was presented for the purpose by the City.

6. ~~For the probable annual expenses of a Branch Mint at New York.~~ The average of the annual appropriations for the Branch Mint at New Orleans, for the last ten years, is \$55,305.

R. M. P.

Dr.

Hon. George M. Dallas,
Vice President of the U.S.

(Confidential)

Mont U. S. Feb. 5, 1849

Friend,

You will see by the enclosed letter, that I have answered your note of the 4th inst., by laying before you a number of statements which bear directly upon the subject, but the inferences from which I have left to you. They are evident and conclusive. A Mint at New York would not cost less, with the lot on which it would be placed, than half a million; and its annual expense, after put in operation, would not be less than \$60,000. Moreover, it is not needed. The Philadelphia Mint can coin all the bullion that is likely to come to New York and Boston, including the gold that may reach there from California. If the only expense that would be done to depositors, by a Mint at New York, - namely the cost of transportation to and from the Mint here, - should be complained of, let the Government pay it. It would be a trifle, as you will see from paragraph 3 of the enclosed letter.

R. M. P.

Amos M. Dallas

Notes as to the minutes of Office Business

U.S. Mint.

A comparison of the gold deposits received and paid in the first and 4th quarters of 1849 and the first q^r of 1850 exhibits the following results.

<u>Gold Deposits Received</u>	<u>1st q^r 1849</u>	<u>4th q^r 1849</u>	<u>1st q^r 1850</u>
No. gold deposits received	226	1157	1492
do paid	215	822	1275

~~The following statement is not correct~~

The gold deposits & payments of silver are of the ^{usual} ~~usual~~ amount & number.

	(3 checks)	
all in. Gold & Silver Depos. of 1847		1302
	1548	1102
do 1st q ^r 1850	1849 *	2985
	1501	1584

* 9 1st months of 1849 deposits are 1888

2147
444
2591

Mem. for the Director

Gold & Silver ^{deposits} in 1847	1302	on deposits numbering	1828
do in 1848	1102	do " "	1559
Total in 1847 & 1848	2404	" "	3387
do in 11 mo. of 1849	2416	" "	3171

From this statement it appears that the number of warrants issued in 11 mo. of this year was more ^{greater} than the whole number in the two years 1847 & 1848, and that ^{of the} deposits stand of deposits was very nearly so. As a necessary result, the labor in paying deposits, in preparing blanks for the assay reports, & in depositing memorandums, and in the accounts and abstracts sent to the Dept., has been constantly increased in the like proportion. But, in fact, the office labor is increased in a proportion of which the mere increase of deposits affords but a partial measure. Of for the greater part of our deposits are now made in California gold & most of them contain a sufficient proportion of silver to be reported for the benefit of the depositor. When in this is the case a calculation must be made, first, of the amount of stand? gold & its value, secondly of the amount of standard silver & its value, 3^d of the charges for paying them & for the silver & copper alloy used in preparing them for ^{coinage} ~~circulation~~, and lastly, of the net amount payable to the depositor. The labor in calculating the value of a portable deposit is therefore at least three times that for one not portable, in which the standard & value of but a single metal are to be determined, and no deductions are required. It is necessary, also, for the security of the depositors & the public that these calculations ~~be~~ ^{be} constantly verified, and accordingly no deposit is paid till ^{the necessary} ~~the necessary~~ Office Clerk & the Director

check how shall have shown a correspondence.

The ^{great} ~~unlimited~~ labor of calculation combined with the increase in
our deposits 1:05

1874

Jan 1 1874

Jan 1 1874

Jan 1 1874

Jan 1 1874

1541

71

1612 deposit

16

1628

1874

check the deposits of Jan 1st 1874 and Jan 1st 1875

they are the same

the deposit of the year 1874

1872 and the year 1875

is 1872 and the year 1875

of the year 1875

Treasury Department
Dec 5. 1849.

Sir

A letter has been received by the Department from the Asst. Treasurer at N. York (enclosing one addressed by you to that office) in relation to the deficit of \$50,391.00 in the payment of a Treasury Transfer draft in foreign gold coins.

It is understood that there has been a gain on foreign gold coins heretofore transferred to the mint for coinage - and it is therefore considered as reasonable that the Mts. should suffer the loss in this case as they had the benefit of the gain - and that it should be paid from the contingent fund of the Mint.

I am very Resp^{ly}

Wm. R. Snowden
Assistant to the Mint

Wm. McKim
Sec. of the Treasury

Treasury Department
Washington City
February 5th 1849.

Sir

Enclose to you the copy of a letter from
the Hon Joseph Ginnell, addressed to me, request-
ing permission for Ezra Thompson to be per-
mitted to witness the process employed in
assaying gold at the Mint - I hope you
will give him such facilities as may be
compatible with your views, and in acc-
ordance with the regulations established
for the Government of the Mint -

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt

R. M. Patterson

S. R. M. Patterson
Director

U. S. Mint

Philadelphia
Penn^a

Wash. Dist. D.C. Feb. 5/49.

Dear Sir,

In your letter of the 3d inst., you ask me whether the gold coins now authorized are frequently counterfeited, and if so whether they are of the smaller or larger denomination. It is not in my power to present any statistical report on this subject, which comes ^{more properly} under the view of the law officers. Counterfeits are, however, occasionally brought to the office for examination, and they have been generally easily detected, some of them are so skillfully executed as to be very dangerous. They are imitations both of the half and quarter-eagle, but I do not recollect to have seen any of the eagle.

You also ask whether my views as to the coinage of gold dollars have undergone any change. In my letter to you, of the 26th ult., I stated, that, of the objections which I presented against it, in my communications of the 20th of Jan. and 23d of January 1844, one only had been removed, namely that which was founded on the credit of silver over gold offered for coinage; yet that I was not disposed to interfere with the measure now. ~~The calls for this coinage seem to be so general, that I cannot go further than this. The calls for this coinage seem to be so general, that I suppose they must be abundantly complied with.~~

R.M.T.

Sir.

Alex. J. A. May, Clerk,
House of Representatives.

House of Representatives
Jan 20 - 1849.
Feb. 3, 1849

Dear Sir,

Will you be good enough to inform
me whether the gold coins are authorized, as
frequently counted for in note - & if
yes are they counterfeits of the smaller or
larger denominations -
& the currency while I recd. from you
a few days ago, you did not inform me
whether you view the coinage of gold
dollar pieces had undergone any change.
as early as we are acquainted.

With great respect

J. S. R. King

R. M. Patterson Esq

Confidential.

My dear Sir,

I really cannot discern the wisdom or expediency of a Branch school at New York, and feel convinced that if it be established, we shall soon see the little quelling Philadelphia.

General or national, good is with me, however paramount: and if you know any valid reason for what I can't but call that removal from it, let me be indulged with them at your earliest convenience. The matter looks at if it would be subjected to the casting vote. I am inimical to the measure, but a sound reason from you will convert me.

Sincerely & respectfully yrs,

C. M. Bakhal

4. Feb. 49.

Dr. W. M. Patterson.

Mont. Wt. P.M. Feb. 8/49.

Dr Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of the 1st inst.

I write by this mail, to the Secretary
of the Treasury, to ask his authority to be
given to you for the construction of a balance for
the Miller & Reformer of the United States.

R.M.T.

Dr.

Prof. A. D. Buck.

Sup. Wt. S. Mason.

United States District,
Feb. 3. 1849

My dear Sir,

It is considered very desirable
and important, that an accurate
return, for weighing gold and
silver in the United States
Office, be furnished to that Office
as promptly as possible.

Although some improvements
may be made in the machine. Shop
of the mint, it could only be done
with considerable delay, because the
greater portion of the time of the
Chief must necessarily be given
to matters more immediately con-
nected with the business.

I, therefore, respectfully request
that, after conference with the
Superintendent of the Mint, Treasurer,
Comptroller, &c. you find it practicable

that such a balance can be brought
and successfully arranged in this
office at this time, I have much to
do to authorize its consideration
there. The contingent fund of the
society will not pay all the expenses,
which may be incurred.

~~I have the honor to acknowledge
your kind request to borrow a balance
(it will be acceptable to the
society) and to inform the board
of the constitution of the society
and the balance of the fund of the
society is sufficient to pay for the
expenses that the requisites of the
society only the expenses of the
society are paid by you.~~

Very Respectfully,
J. M. H. Co.
Secretary
of the Society

Ap. Tr. Office Febry. 2^d /49
J. R. Browder Esq
Tr. of the Mint St.
Sir

Yours of the
25th ult. was received by our
convey of Mail, as is also yours
of the 1st Inst.

The coin to which you
refer in yours of 25th ult. as
being short was received from
the Collector of this Port, to whom
your letter was submitted.

Our joint consultation
resulted in a letter to the
Secy. of the Treasury, and
I have concluded to defer a
reply until I hear from
him.

Yours &c.

Wm. B. B. B.
Ap. Tr.

U.S.M. Feb 2. 1849

A. Aranguen Esq
Sir

Enclosed you have memorandums of the gold deposited in your name on the 30th ult. I am sorry to say, that it will not justify your expectations, as you observe in your letter, that the dust was "said to be of superior quality." Although gold dust is ^{generally} ~~always~~ too deceptive in appearance to be judged of, merely from its colour or condition, yet I feel bound to inform you, that this lot presented the greatest contrast, before and after melting, of any that we recollect to have seen; being of a rich gold hue in the grain, ^{but} ~~and~~ remarkably pale in the bar; so much so, that a silver parting is reported.

Very respy yours &c

R.M.P.

A. Aranguen, Esq

W. J. Mint,
Philad^a Feb. 11 1849.

Dear Sir,

I beg leave to call your
attention to my letter of the 25th ulto, and
would be pleased to hear from you on the
subject at your earliest convenience. An answer
is rendered the more necessary from the fact,
that I make weekly reports to the Treasury
Department in case the amount deposited
on account of Bullion funds is changed by
transfer drafts or otherwise.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obedt Serv^t

(signed) James Ross Snowden
Treas.

Hon. W. C. Bonck
Asst. Treas. N.Y.

Dear Sir,
Washington Dec. 1. 1847.

Dear Sir,

I am so indebted to you for the
kindness of the P. M. in sending me

I have written a long letter to you, but I have not
time to write it now. I have only time to write
that if you apply to the Treasury Department to have the
balance of the money sent me, I have no doubt the
amount will be paid.

Yours very respectfully,

Wm. L. Patterson

A. D. Bach.

Wm. L. Patterson

U. S. Mint,
Philad^a. Mail 3156-1849.

Sir, I herewith forward you,
the "quarterly statement" ending
the day showing the state of the Bullion
and public money deposited in the
Mint by the Treasurer of the U. S. States.
I enclose cancelled voucher No. 772

Very respectfully
Yours &c. &c. &c.
(Signed)
James Ross Snowden
Treas.

Wm. Selden Esq,
Treas: of the U. S.
Washington

Boston March 30th 1849

To the Director, ^{U.S.} Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
Sir

Please deliver to the order of Mr.
E. S. Sanford, agent for Adams & Co's Express Philadelphia
the Coin, when ready; for the two Boxes of California Gold
Mark **HAP** forwarded to you on the 27th inst from Boston, the
same referred in my letter to you of the 28th inst. to be conveyed
to me; please deliver one half of each Box at a time &
that, on following days, at some of the parties interested
wish me to order it in this way, only one half ~~may~~ only
may be at risk at one time.

Your Humble Servant
James H. Russell

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

29 March 1849.

For:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,
Treasurer of the United States.

*James P. Snowden Esq -
Comptroller of the Mint U.S.*

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it; should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to affix his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses.

Merchant, N.Y.
N.Y. Mar 29, 1847

Sir
You will receive by Harnden's Express one bag
marked "United States Mint Philadelphia" containing
1,557 ^{ex. 25} 7/8 California Gold.

Respectfully to transmit
per mail a certificate for the same, in form of the Mint.
It is desirable to have the four lots kept distinct,
as per Invoice enclosed. - Should prefer to receive for
the amount \$15,000. in 50 Eagles

10,000 - - Eagles & the balance in Gold Dollars
and Double Eagles. You will however consult the Commission
of the Mint.

I will thank you to advise me when the
coin will be ready, and cause a Statement of the
proceeds of each lot to be delivered to the party
presenting the Certificate.

I am Sir, Very Respectfully,
John J. Hay

H. W. Patterson Esq
Director
U. S. Mint, Phila

Boston March 28th 1849
To the Director of the United States Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Sir I sent on to your Mint yesterday
two Boxes of California Gold, marked HAP and
HAP, containing about 1665 ounces to be assayed, coined
and returned home. By Adams the Express from the place
the two Boxes have each separate bill of ounces and
I have request of you the favour to cause them to be
examined and assayed separate, as if there is gain or
loss on either I wish each bill of ounces to have their
respective shares of such profit or loss.

Please send in return for this gold, Eagle, half
Eagle, and every five Quarter Eagle, and oblige
Your very Humble servant
James Munroe

Mint of the United States.
Philad. March 26, 1849.

Sir,

The ore which you sent, in your letter of the 16th inst., is the ^{mineral} substance named Iron Pyrites, and is a combination of iron and sulphur. It is of all the substances mistaken for gold, the most common and the most delusive. It is of no practical value.

~~I am not acquainted with a chemist named Campbell at present, but the circumstances~~

There is a Chemist in this city named Campbell at present, and he is a gentleman of good standing in his profession.

Very faithfully yours,

R. M. P.

D.M.

Mrs. Saml. A. Bunker.
Berlin,
Holmes Co.
Ohio.

W. S. Miners
Phila. March 26/1849

Sir,

Your letter of the 21st inst.
is recd. The only manner in which
I can furnish the small silver coins
you desire, is in payment of silver bullion
or foreign silver coins, which you may
deposit for coinage.

Very respectfully

Your obedt Servt

(signed) James Ross Snowden
Treasurer

D. P. Phelps Esq,
Syracuse, N. Y.

U.S. Mint,
Philad^a. March 24, 1849

Sir, I herewith forward you
the weekly statement ending this day
showing the state of the Bullion and
public moneys deposited in the Mint, by
the Treasurer of the U.S.

Very respectfully,
Yours ob^t Serv^t
(signed) James R. Snowden
Treasurer.

Wm. L. Gold
Secy. U.S. Mint
Washington

United States Mint,
Philad^a. March 24, 1849.

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of
the 22nd inst. I learn that the Half Bushel
Standard measure was, by the direction of
the late Secretary of the Commonwealth
delivered to Christian Mason Esq, Registrar
of Weights and Measures. His residence
is at the corner of 13th and Filbert
streets in this City.

I am with much respect
Yours &c &c Geo W.

(Signed) James Ross Snowden
Treasurer U.S. Mint.

A. L. Russell Esq
Depy Secy. of the Commonwealth.

Treasury Department
March 22 1849

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. with its enclosures, respecting the coinage of double eagles and gold dollars.

It is undoubtedly necessary that the weights of the new coins shall "bear the same proportion to their nominal values that the weights of the existing gold coins do to theirs," and, therefore, the weights proposed by you viz, for the gold dollar "25 grains & 8 tenths" and for the double eagle "516 grains" are adopted.

The size of the coins - 1.32 in for the double eagle and 0.5 in for the gold dollar as well as the devices, as submitted by you, are also approved.

I am very respectfully
Yours &c

W. M. Meredith

Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint,

Philadelphia

Treasury of the U. States
March 22. 1849

Sir

I have this day issued a transfer Draft on you, viz.
No. 442. in favor of the Treasurer of the U. States. for \$200,000.
payable on demand.

I am respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant

Wm. B. Ewell

Treasurer U.S.

The Treasurer of the Mint
at Philadelphia

State Department
Washington March 22nd 49
Hon Jas R. Snowden
Sir:

The Commissioners of
Green County have made application
to this Department, agreeably to the Act
of 15th April 1845, for a copy of the Orig-
inal Standard Staff Bundle -

The same Act provides
for the safe keeping of such Original Standards
in the cases prepared for that purpose in the
Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Having understood that the Staff
Bundle Standard was, some time since,
transmitted to the Mint at Philadelphia,
I am directed by the Governor to request
you, to have it returned to this Office -

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

W. L. Russell

Copy sent to Govt.

Wm. L. Phillips
Treasurer of W. L. Phillips
Philadelphia

R. R. Office
Syracuse N.Y. 2/15/59

Without knowing upon what
conditions coin can be obtained or exchanged at the
mint, I take the liberty of asking this question of
you. Can I obtain silver (\$1000 or \$5000) for
other coin (say Gold) - at par? or on what terms?
Your answer will greatly oblige

Yr. Obedt. Servt.
W. L. Phillips

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, March 19, 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th inst., enclosing a certified copy of the Act of Congress of the 31st inst. entitled "An Act to authorize the coinage of Gold Dollars and Double Eagles."

I observe that in this Act there is no ~~direct~~ ^{express} statement ~~provision~~ ^{as to the weights of the new coins}. In all previous acts regarding the coinage, the weights of the coins are expressly stated, and this was also done in the House Bill, ~~as originally adopted~~ ^{as originally adopted}, ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~as subsequently amended~~ ^{as subsequently amended} regarding the Gold Dollars and Double Eagles. The standard fineness of these coins is established by the 8th Sect. of the Mint Act of Jan. 18, 1837; and in order that their weights may bear the same proportion to their nominal values, that the weights of the existing gold coins do to theirs, that of the Gold Dollar must be 25 grains and 8 tenths, and that of the Double Eagle 576 grains. In the first Section of the recent act, it is declared that the new coins shall be made "conformably in all respects to the standard for gold coins now established by law." Such is the state of the question regarding the weights of the new coins, and I do not feel myself at liberty to take action in the case without your direction upon it, which I therefore respectfully request. It is a question whether the words here quoted will

authorize the adoption of the weights above mentioned,
and on this question I respectfully ask your decision.

The coins at present struck at the mint are
similar solids, the diameters being proportional to the
cube-roots of their volumes, or (as the metal is the
same,) to their values. The diameters of the eagle, half-eagle,
and quarter-eagle, respectively, are 1.05 inches, 0.85, and
0.70. To keep ~~the~~ the same proportions, the diameter
of the double-eagle will be 1.32 in., and that of the
gold-dollar 0.5 in.

The diameter proposed for the dollar gold-dollar is less
by one-sixth than that of the half-dollar. This defect of
size is certainly objectionable, but it ~~seems to be~~ is a
necessary consequence of the small volume of the coin, which
is nearly ^{one-third} less than that of the half-dollar. If the diameter
be sensibly increased, the planchet will be so thin as
not to admit of a sufficient depth of impression for
effective coinage.

For the face of the gold-dollar it is proposed
to adopt a miniature copy of that on the larger gold
coins; and our Engraver, ~~Mr. Langaker~~, is now engaged
in the making a medallion of a head of Liberty, of which
I send a sketch enclosed. From this medallion we can
~~cut~~ ^{inscribe} make a die, which shall be its fac-simile.

For the reverse it is proposed to ^{have} a wreath, with the
words United States of America in the border, and the value
of the coin ^{distinctly} marked ~~within~~ in the center.

I shall be happy to receive your views upon the
subject of this new coinage, and will gladly take ad-
vantage of any suggestions that you may make.

The double-eagle must be postponed until
the gold dollar can be coined.

I ^{enclosed} send, besides the sketch mentioned, a specimen
of a dollar-piece which was hastily prepared many years
ago, when this coinage was first proposed; ~~and~~ also
a series of circles marking the diameters of the gold-dollar
and half-dollar, and of the double-eagle and half-dollar.

R.M.P.

To
Hon. W. M. Meredith,
Secretary of the Treasury.

P.S. The ^{gold eagle} ~~planchet~~ sent is of silver gilt.

Up. In office Mar. 19th/49
J. M. Snowden Esq. Dr. Mait

This day
Paid Adams \$100.00
the amount of a transfer
draft drawn on this office
in your favor

Yours &c
Wm. B. B. B.
Up. In

U. S. Mint,
Philad. March 17, 1849.

Sir, I have rec^d your letter of the
16th inst, enclosing a transfer
draft no. 770, on the Cas^y. Treas.
U. S. at N. York, in my favor
for \$100,000 payable in foreign
gold coin. I will send for the coin
in the usual manner, and when
received will place the amount
to your credit, on coinage account.

I am very respy
Yours ob^l serv^t
(Signed) Jas. Ross Snowden
Chief U. S. Mint

Wm. W. Elden
Treas. U. S.

Treasury of the U. States
March 16th 1849

Sir,

Enclosed you will receive a transfer Draft, viz. \$ 770. on
the Assistant Treasurer at New York, for \$ 100,000. payable at
Philadelphia, in foreign Gold Coin, which sum be please to place
to my credit on your Books, on "Coinage Account"

I am respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
W. J. Linn
Treasurer U. S.

The Treasurer of the Mint
at Philadelphia

Treasury Department
March 16. 1849.

Sir

The Treasurer U.S. has, this day,
been requested to issue a transfer draft on
the asst. Treasurer at N. York in favor of the
Treasurer of the Mint for \$100,000 - payable
in foreign Gold Coin - the amount to be transferred
under your direction as heretofore, for recoinage
at the Mint, and to be placed to the credit of
the Treasurer U.S. on Coinage account.

I am very Resptl.

N. M. Washburn
Secretary of the Treasury

D. W. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad. ^a

Wahine March 16th 1849

Sir

After My compliments to you I would
pleadly say that in Morgan there has been
any quantity of the inclosed substance found
on a certain farm or farms and it is said
to have been examined by the Consulting
Committee at the Mint and wishing to satisfy
my self as I have been solicited to take an
interest in the matter I have concluded to
send some of the ore to you wishing
you to make it thorough examination
and see me the favour to write to me
the result of your examination and further
I would just say that by the hand of Messrs.
Wells he has been it completely handed to me
one of some Mellets examined by Consulting
Committee and Consulting Committee this Mellet is
said to have come from Stark Co. Ohio
I would wish to ascertain whether there has
been an examination of this kind of ore
and whether there is such a person as the
Mellet Consulting Committee you

Superintendent of Mint Yours S. Pruden

P. S. I enclose your letter Messrs. Holmes & Co.
Ohio

Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office.
March 16th 1849.

Sir,

You are requested to pay to the order
of the Legal Representatives of William
Hindlay, late Treasurer of the Mint, the
sum of One hundred and four dollars $\frac{39}{100}$,
the balance found due to him, on the
adjustment of his acc. of Ordinary Expenses,
take duplicate receipts therefor, and charge
it your account of Ordinary Expenses for
the quarter in which the payment may
be made, referring to this letter by date as
your authority for so doing.

Dollars 104 $\frac{39}{100}$.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

M. A. C. C. C.
Comptroller

James R. Snowden, Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint.
Philadelphia.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 22, 1849.

Mr. ATHERTON, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill [H. R. 746] to authorize the coinage of twenty dollar and one dollar gold pieces, at the mint of the United States and its branches, reported the same with the following amendments:

AN ACT

To authorize the coinage of ~~twenty dollar and one dollar gold~~ *dollar,*
~~pieces, at the mint of the United States and its branches~~
and double eagles,

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*

2 *sentatives of the United States of America in Congress*

3 *assembled,* That there shall be, from time to time, struck and

4 coined at the mint of the United States, and the branches

5 thereof, conformably in all respects to law, (except that

6 on the reverse of the gold dollar the figure of the eagle

7 shall be omitted,) and conformably in all respects to the

8 standard for gold coins now established by law, coins of

9 gold of the following denominations and values, viz.:

10 double eagles, each to be of the value of twenty dollars or

units, and gold dollars, each to be of the value of one dol-

lar or unit.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, for all sums

2 whatever, the double eagle shall be a legal tender for

3 the weight of five hundred and sixteen grains, and

4 dollar coins, of the weight of twenty-five grains and

5 tenths, which coins shall be legal tenders of paymen

6 tending to their nominal values.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the ab

2 mentioned coins shall be made, in all respects, in con

3 formity with the existing laws regarding the coinage of

4 mints, except that on the

5 figure of the eagle shall

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 29, 1849.

Mr. ARNOLD, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill [H. R. 746] to authorize the coinage of twenty dollar and one dollar gold pieces, at the mint of the United States and its branches, reported the same with the following

AN ACT

To authorize the coinage of ~~twenty dollar and one dollar gold~~ *dollar* pieces, at the mint of the United States and its branches.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-
2 sentatives of the United States of America in Congress
3 assembled,

That there shall be, from time to time, struck and
2 coined at the mint of the United States, and the branches
3 thereof, conformably in all respects to law, (except that
4 on the reverse of the gold dollar the figure of the eagle

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful, henceforward, to n
2 at the mint and its branches, twenty dollar gold coin
3 the weight of five hundred and sixteen grains, and
4 dollar coins, of the weight of twenty-five grains and
5 tenths, which coins shall be legal tenders of payment
6 according to their nominal values.

1 SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the ab-
2 mentioned coins shall be made, in all respects, in con-
3 mity with the existing laws regulating the coinage at
4 mints, except that on the reverse of the gold dollar,
5 figure of the eagle shall be omitted.

1 ~~Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That, in adjus-~~
2 ~~ing the weights of gold coins, henceforward, the following~~

3 twenty dollars, and the gold dollar shall be a legal tender
4 for one dollar.

1 ~~SEC. 3. And be it further enacted,~~ That all laws now
2 in force in relation to the coins of the United States, and
3 the striking and coining the same, shall, so far as appli-
4 cable, have full force and effect in relation to the coins
5 herein authorized, whether the said laws are penal or
6 otherwise, and whether they are for preventing counter-
7 feiting or debasement, for protecting the currency, for
8 regulating and guarding the process of striking and coin-
9 ing, and the preparations therefor, or for the security of the
10 coin, or for any other purpose.

1 ~~In the eleventh line of the third section, after the word~~
2 ~~"double eagles," insert "two pennyweights in one thou-~~
3 ~~sand eagles"~~
1 ~~Title of the bill. strike out all after the word "coin-~~
2 ~~age," and insert "of gold dollars and double eagles."~~

Sec 4. And be it further enacted That,
in adjusting the weights of gold coins, hence-
forward, the following

deviations from the standard weight shall not be ex-
ceeded in any of the single pieces, namely, in the double-
eagle, the eagle, and the half-eagle, one half of a grain;
and in the quarter-eagle and gold dollar, one quarter of a
grain; and that in weighing a large number of pieces to-
gether, when delivered from the chief coiner to the trea-
surer, and from the treasurer to the depositors, the devia-
tions from the standard weight shall not exceed three

pennyweights in one thousand double-eagles; ^{Two} ~~one and a~~
~~half~~ pennyweights in one thousand ~~half~~ eagles; one ~~per~~ and
~~one half~~ pennyweights ^{half} in one thousand quarter-eagles; and one half of
~~one pennyweight in one thousand quarter eagles.~~
~~a pennyweight in one thousand gold dollars.~~
~~and one half of a pennyweight in one thousand gold dollars.~~

~~Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That so much~~
~~of this act as regards the coinage of twenty-dollar and~~
~~one dollar gold pieces shall continue in force, until the~~
~~fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, and~~
~~no longer.~~

~~Passed the House of Representatives, Feb. 20, 1849.~~

~~Attest: THO. J. CAMPBELL, Clerk.~~

approved March 3 1849

Approved March 3 1849

Th. J. Campbell

ing, and the preparations therefor, or for the security of the
10 coin, or for any other purpose.

1 ~~In the eleventh line of the third section, after the word~~

2 ~~"double eagles," insert "two pennyweights in one thou-~~

3 ~~sand eagles."~~

1 ~~Title of the bill: strike out all after the word coin-~~

2 ~~age," and insert "of gold dollars and double eagles."~~

Sec 4. And be it further enacted that,
in adjusting the weights of gold coins, herea-
forward, the following

deviations from the standard weight shall not be ex-

ceeded in any of the single pieces, namely, in the double-

eagle, the eagle, and the half-eagle, one half of a grain;

and in the quarter-eagle and gold dollar, one quarter of a

grain; and that in weighing a large number of pieces to-

gether, when delivered from the chief coiner to the trea-

surer, and from the treasurer to the depositors, the devia-

tions from the standard weight shall not exceed three

pennyweights in one thousand double-eagles; ^{Two} ~~one and a~~

~~half~~ pennyweights in one thousand ~~half~~ eagles; one ~~pen~~-and

~~one half~~ pennyweights ^{half}

in one thousand quarter-eagles; and ~~one half of~~

~~one pennyweight in one thousand~~ ^{one pennyweight in one thousand} quarter-eagles;

~~and one half of a pennyweight in one thousand gold dollars.~~

~~Sec 4. And be it further enacted, That so much~~

of this act as regards the coinage of twenty-dollar and

one dollar gold pieces shall continue in force, until the

fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, and

no longer.

~~Passed the House of Representatives: Feb. 20, 1849.~~

~~Attest: THO. J. CAMPBELL, Clerk.~~

approved March 3^d 1849

Department of State

March 15th 1849

a true copy of the original

H. J. Smith

S. C. C.

Treasury Department
March 16. 1849.

Sir

I enclose, herewith, a certified copy of the Act of Congress of the 3^d inst. entitled "An Act to authorize the coinage of Gold Dollars and double eagles, and, have to request that the necessary steps may be taken to carry into effect the provisions of said Act.

Before, however, the dies shall be prepared I shall be pleased to receive any suggestions you may have to offer as to the size of the coin and as to the device on the dollar.

I am very Resp^l

W M Meredith
Sec. of the Treasury.

D. W. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

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13413.928

Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office.

March 15th 1849.

Sir:

Your accounts of Gold and Silver Bullion,
for the 3^d quarter of 1848, have been adjusted at the
Treasury, and a balance of \$ 537,500.56 stated to be
due from you to the United States, consisting of

Gold Bullion Oz: 13413.93	\$ 249,561.49
Silver Bullion " 56644.453	65,913.54
Gold Coinage	91,016.76
Silver Coinage	131,008.77
	<u>\$ 537,500.56</u>

Very Respectfully
Your Ob^t Serv^t

M. W. Cullen
Comptroller

James R. Snowden Esq:
Treasurer of the Mint.
Philadelphia.

West. W. S.

Ph. March 10, 1849.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the billow case,
and the communication accompanying them, which I sent to
the Hon. J. F. Winston, Chairman of the Committee of Ways and
Means, which on the 18th of Jan. last, as which you have
returned to me.

R. M. P.

Dr.

Thos. J. Campbell, Esq.
Clerk of House of Representatives.

Minist. of the United States.

March 10, 1869.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 8th inst., in which you tender the resignation of your employment as Foreman of the Silas Mullins Room, to take effect at the end of the present month, has been duly received and considered, and is now hereby accepted.

In consideration of your long services in the office, you have also leave of absence, during the remainder of the month, or any part thereof.

With sincere wishes for your success in the new course of life on which you are about to enter,

I am, very faithfully yours,

R. M. Patterson,

Director.

Yrs

Mr. Robert R. Porter.

U.S. Mint
Philad^a March 9/1849.

Sir, Your letter of the 7th inst, is rec^d.
It will be several weeks before the necessary
arrangements can be made for coining
double Eagles and dollar gold coins.
The officers having that matter in charge
are using & will continue to use their
best efforts to have the above named coins
struck at an early period. If you
send the \$50,000 in foreign gold, I will
furnish the above named coins as soon
as possible, but cannot promise them
for a month or six weeks, perhaps
longer. I can send other gold
coins immediately.

Very respy
Yours ob^l serv^t
(signed) James Ross Browne
Actg. U.S. Mint

Henry Hubbard Esq
Ans^r New York
March

Office House of Reps U.S.
March 9th 1849

Sir

I enclose herewith several samples
of coin that were received by Hon S P Vinton
Chairman of the Committee on Ways & Means
from your office.

I also enclose your communication
to Mr Vinton explanatory of the coins enclosed.

Please acknowledge the receipt of
the coins and letter.

I am very respectfully,
Yours Obedt Servt

Thos J Campbell
Clerk H^o Reps U.S.

R W Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint U.S.
Philadelphia
Penn

San Francisco, California
March 7th 1849

R. No. Peterson Esq

My dear Sir

Permit me to
introduce to your acquaintance
my much esteemed friend Lt
R. No. Yancey U. S. Navy, who goes
to your city for the purpose of procuring
the mine &c. &c. any kindness or worth
this point, will gratefully receive, and
duly reciprocated, by
Yours very truly,

A. W. Smith

Assistant Treasurers Office
Boston March 7, 1839

James M. Snowden Esq.
Treasurer U.S. Mint

Will you please to
inform me if it will be in your power
to return to this Office for \$50,000 in foreign
Gold, some of the Double Eagles which are
now to be issued, & perhaps a few of the
dollar pieces; if so I will send to you
per Adams's Ex. that amount.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
Henry Hubbard
Assistant Treasurer U.S.
Boston.

No 10. South Street.

March 6th 1849

Dear Sir, If you have no
objection I would be much
obliged to you for a
letter as President of the
U. S. Anti-Slavery Society
such terms of service
I should be glad to
superintend at Fiddlers
Green, as your official
connection with the Society
if you may permit,

There will be a discussion
of a law pertaining
to estates made to remain
open & I am anxious
to testify in its favor
proper manner -

Very Truly

Yours &c. R.

Wm. H. Tyler

Wm. H. Patterson &
Wm. D.

Wm. H. Tyler

March 6, 1847.

Dear Sir,
My official position is such
as, in my judgment, to make it im-
proper for me to give an opinion, in
the case which you refer to me, without
being asked to do so by the President or the
Secretary of the Treasury. If a question
arises from either of these, it will
give me great pleasure to present my
views as to the merits of the case.

Wm. H. Tyler, Secy.

R.H.P.

Davidson County
Lexington, North Carolina
March 6th 1849

P. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of U. S. Mint
Dear Sir,

I hope that you may not have forgotten me, encourage me, to intrude myself upon your notice at this time. You may recollect that I came to this part of the country a few years ago, in company with Mr. Sam. A. Griffith; as Smelter and Refiner to the Washington Mine. I continued in that capacity until the close of last year, when I left the service. I would now offer my services to you as a practical Refiner &c. if you have any use for me, in any of the Mints established, or about to be established (California & New Orleans excepted). Instead of employing the kind offices of friends to speak to you in my favor, I have thought proper to rely upon your own recollection of me, and upon such testimony of my character, as can be furnished from this country, if required.

I have been married some three years, to a Southern Lady, but would prefer a residence in the North from prejudices in favor of educating my family in a free state.

I am, most Obedt. Servant
Geo. Humphreys

W. S. Smith,
March 31, 1899

My dear Sir,

I hereby tender you my resignation
of my employment as foreman
of the above melting room, & take
effect at the end of the present
month.

Very respectfully,
Wm. S. Smith

D. H. M. Lathrop
Director

Robert S. Lathrop

Confidential

my dear Mr. Brewster I hand to you two
Letters of Resignation one of them the form which
would be suited to the case of my leaving at the
end of the present month, and the other a Resignation
to take effect at the end of April. The latter I urgently
request that you will accept in preference to the
former, in which I dissent conditionally only and
only in case you cannot grant my Request
for a longer time.

I have no other request to make, in every
other respect I submit without murmur to the
sever trial that has come upon me, and in view
of my long and faithful ~~and~~ unquestioned
~~faithful~~ fidelity I feel that my Request deserves and
will receive your most favorable consideration
very respectfully

your obedient servant

Mr. W. M. Patterson

Robert B. Porter

Director.

Dear Sir, Any indulgence which upon
consideration of all the circumstances of
Mr. Porter's case you can accord to
him will gratify me. I trust, however,

submit his case entirely to your
judgment and decision. And feeling
confident that you wish to do all
you can for him, I do so in perfect
reliance that your decision, if
ever received, will bring acquiescence.

Wm. M. Patterson Longbridge
Dorchester, W. D. McCarty
March 1842
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My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. in relation to the case of the above named individual, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Wm. M. Patterson

M. W. P. March 2, 1849

Sir,

In reply to the question asked in your
letter of yesterday, I have to state that
copper is not received at the mint on
deposits for coinage

Rm

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James R. Langton Esq

New York March 1. 1849.

J. Paterson.

Director of the Mint.

Will you inform me if you coin
Copper for citizens, and if so on what terms,
Your answer by return Mail care of Houghton & Co.
will much oblige

Yours Respectfully,

James A. Sargent

Mont W. S. Phil. Mar. 1, 1849

Sir,

Your letter was received this morning with the package referred to in it.

We have found it necessary to decline receiving jewelry at the Mount, and that part of the package is accordingly returned to you by Mess. Adams. The

The gold dust is retained. It has all the appearance of African gold and is unlike any that we have yet received from Cal. The assay will probably settle the question of identity.

Yr. Rembr.

J. W. N. Olcott & Co
New York

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, April 30, 1869.

Sir,

In answer to the inquiry made in your letter of the 26th inst., I have to state that the model made for the purpose of casting the dies for the ^{first} medals voted by Congress to Major General Taylor, remains at the Mint, and will serve for making the dies for the Indian Medals. The portrait will therefore be retained, if the head on the medals appears to be satisfactory.

The cost of the Presidential series of three medal dies, for the Indian Medal, has been \$800. If the model in one hand be used, that cost will be reduced to about \$700.

R. M. P.

Sr.

Wm. Medill, Esq.
Office Indian Affairs,
~~Indian~~ Department
of the Interior

W. L. Meigs

Philad^a April 28. 1847.

Sir, I herewith forward you
the weekly statement ending this
day showing the state of the Bullion
and public moneys deposited in
the Mint by the Treasurer of the
U. States.

Very respy
Yours ob^t Serv^t

(signed)
James R. Browne
Treas.

Wm. Seligman Esq.
Philad^a.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

28 April 1849.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,
Treasurer of the United States.

James M. Snowden Esq
Appt Secy

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it; should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to annex his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses.

New York, April 29th 1834.

W. H. M. Patterson,
Printer W. S. Mine
Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

We beg to forward you by "Adams's"
Express a box containing Gold dust which you
will please to keep separate from what we forwarded
yesterday.

You will please receipt to Adams's & deliver
the Com. to them with certificate in our name
of weight & value as soon as convenient.

We remain your respectfully,

Ever & Sincerely,
J. C. North

Minist of the United States.
Philadelphia, April 23, 1849.
Dear Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 20th inst.,
inclosing a draft on New York, to my order, for \$500,
for which you wish to have silver quarter-dollars, and
you ask me to place it in the hands of some one that
will attend to the matter. For this purpose I have
seen the ^{principal} ~~banker~~ of the house of Lutton, Beake & Co.,
and they agree to furnish the coins at half-per-cent
^{premium} ~~discount~~, and they will take charge of the silver and
^{premium} ~~discount~~, for which also the cost will be deducted. As
soon as they are able to furnish the quarter-dollars,
I will hand over to them your draft.

Yours very respectfully,

R. M. Patterson.

W. H. Jones, Esq.

Cashier of Bank of Cape Fear.

Raleigh N. C.

U. S. Mint,
April 23d. 1849.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 21st
inst. is received, and I have this
day rec'd in Adams & Co. Express,
the amount of gold coins therein stat-
ing of the value of \$125,000.

Very respy
Yours &c &c &c
(Signed) James Ross Snowden
Treasury

Wm. B. Bouché Esq.
Care of New York
N.Y. 16.

April 23. 49

To Mr R M Patterson

Sir

I am indebted to you
for your past kindness to me
yet I would remind you of the
promise you made last summer
when I asked you to advance my
wages 10 cts per day I do hope that
I may be put upon the same level
and footing as those you have
advanced who perform no more
labour than I do

I allude to Mitchem 44.20
Wells and Richard 45.90

Doctor I do hope
the above request will
be met with at the end
of the month
Eps Jacobs

New York April 23rd 1849
R. W. Patterson Esq
Director U.S. Mint
Phila

Dear Sir

Herewith inform you by Adams & Co
Exmp^s a Bag containing Ten packages Gold Dust
Marked and Numbered as follows Viz.

Lot
No 1 E & B #102 Two packages 1 lb each Gold Dust = Separate Value requested

No 2 P D G #1 One packy Gold Dust = Separate Value requested

No 3 P D G #2 One packy Gold Dust = Separate Value requested

These three Lots belong to different interests which obliges
us to ask you to keep them separate -

You will please report to Adams & Co and deliver
the Coin to them - with a Certificate made in our Name
of Weight & Value as soon as convenient

We beg to remain

Very Respectfully

Yours Truly
Robert T. Coenly & Bro.

New York 23rd April 1849

R. M. Patterson, Esq^r
Director U.S. Mint
Philada

Sir

By Livingston & Co Express

I send you this day a package to your address,
contg four packages of Gold Dust, viz together
104 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz said to be of very superior quality -

C & A N^o 1 @ 3 Three Packages viz 90 oz

R. " 1 - One Do - " 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ 104 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz

I will be obliged to you to have them coined &
return the proceeds by them who are authorized
to receive the same, on my account, as soon
as practicable.

As they are two different parcels, I
beg of you to hand them two separate certifi-
cates of weight and value in my own name
viz. One certificate for C & A N^o 1 @ 3 - Three Packages
One Do - " R. " 1 - One Do

I remain, Sir, respectfully
A. Frangerea.

J. M. Snowden Esq
Ap. Office N.Y. Apr. 21/69
Tr. Mint

Li I have this day
paid Adams Co. as per your
order a transfer draft drawn
in your favor for \$125.000

Yours R. B. R.
Wm. B. R.
Apr. 22

U. S. Mint,
Philad^a. April 20. 1849.

Sir, Your letter of the 19th inst, is
received, enclosing transfer draft no. 781,
on the Assistant Treas: at New York,
in my favor for the sum of \$125,000
payable in foreign gold coin. I have
employed as usual Mess. Adams & Co. to bring
it to the Mint, and when received will
place it to your credit on Bullion Account
as requested.

I am, Very respectfully,
Your obed^t Serv^t

(signed) J. Ross Snowden,
Treasurer.

Wm. Selden Esq.
Treas. U.S.
Washington

Assistant Treasurers Office
Boston April 20th 1839

James B. Snowden Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Sir

Coins of the 18th inst. is
at hand, contents noted.

As I have now on deposit
between nine & ten hundred thousand dollars,
and no large drafts to pay, it seems to me
that it would be better to leave one hundred
thousand dollars at the Mint, at least for the
present, in hopes that you will be able to furnish
the amount in Double Eagles, before it is wanted.

The remaining seven thousand dollars you can
send on as soon as the \$5000 in Gold dollar pieces are
prepared, making out the balance with small change -
and eagles.

I have in the Vault nearly \$100,000. in
Half dollars & my object in getting the silver dollars
was to satisfy several U. S. Paying Agents, who prefer
them to the Halves - there are scarcely any dollars
in this city.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Henry Hubbard
of New York

Bank of Cape Verde
Rac. 1/2 1/2 (10)
20 Sept 1847

Dea. R. H. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Phil?

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my
check for Five Hundred Dollars, on New York, I
want the worth of it in quarters (silver) deducting
your charge, Insurance & Freight, if not agreeable
for you or any officer of the Mint to attend to
it, please hand it to some one that will,
direct the package to the care of Martin T
Dannans Petersburg Va, by Adams Express

Yours Respectfully

W. M. Moore
Cashr

Treasury of the U. States
April 19th 1849

Sir,

Enclosed you will receive a transfer Draft, No. 781,
on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, for \$125,000, payable
at Philadelphia in foreign Gold Coin, which sum be pleased to
place to my credit on your Books, on "Bullion Account"

I am respectfully

Yours Obedt Serv^t

Wm. D. Miller

Treasurer U.S.

The Treasurer of the Mint

at Philadelphia

Mint MS. Phil. April 19/49.

Sir,

In reply to the inquiry made in your letter of the 17th, I have to state that copper is not received at the Mint in deposits for coinage, but is purchased for that purpose; and the law requires that it be "in the form of planchets, fit for passing at once into the hands of the Chief Coiner."

R.M.B.

Thos. L. Bragrand Esq
N. Y.

U. S. Mint, Phil^a. April 18. 1879

Sir,

I have received per Adams & Co.
the amount of gold and silver bullion
noted in your letter of the 16th inst.

I regret I cannot comply with your
request in relation to the double Eagles and
gold dollar. They have not yet been opened.

I hope from what I learn from the
operating officers that the gold dollars
will be coined in a few days, and that

it is ~~possible~~ probable that I can ~~not~~ furnish
you with \$5,000 as ^{separately} requested.

As to the double Eagles
I can form no opinion when they will
be coined, and I would ~~not~~ regret
that you had ~~not~~ better receive the
amount in Eagles until the business of
your office will allow a long interval
~~before~~ you receive the coin of same date.

and the receipt of its value.

I can comply with your request as
to the Small Silver Coins; but shall be
unable to make the exchange which you
request of them through the medium of
the funds in my hands as appropriated because
inasmuch as I have no Silver dollars, and
but a small supply of half dollars on
hand.

Very Respectfully
your Obedient

James H. Chandler
U.S. Mint

Treasury Department
April 18. 1849.

Sir

The Treasurer of the State has
this day been requested to issue a transfer draft in
favor of the Treasurer of the Mint at Philad^a on the
Assistant Treasurer at N. York - payable in foreign
Gold Coins. The amount to be transferred under your
direction for Recoinage at the Mints. The draft will be
for \$125,000 - 5

I am very Resp^t.

W M Woodh

Sec of the Treasury.

Dr. W. M. Patterson
Philad^a

Am Soc. April 17 1844

Direct. of the }
U.S. Mint }
Philadelphia }

Will you please
inform me what one of the charges of any
of the Mint is for the Copper, for circulation
and what is the kind of Copper demanded
for such currency

Wm. Wm. Tappan
Am. Nat.
Wm. Wm. Tappan
Boston & Wm. T.

To—
William Winter
New York

U. S. Mint, Phila. Pa.
April 17, 1849.

Dear Sir—

In reply to the inquiry made in
your letter of yesterday, I have to state
that the Mint does not receive copper
from depositors for coinage, but that the
copper is purchased and that it must be
(according to law) in the form of
planchets for passing at once into the
hands of the Chief Coiner.

Respectfully
Your faithful servant
W. R. M. Patterson
Director

May 17 1849

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New York April 16th 1829.
Honourable Sir

I have on hand a few
hundred pounds of Copper in an
unadulterated state which I much
like to have coined in Cents. You
will please be kind enough to
inform me how to proceed: and
give me information relative
to the matter which might be
necessary.

And much oblige

Your obedient Servant

Wm. Winter

N^o 10 Beekman St.

Assistant Treasurer's Office
Boston April 16. 1899.

James H. Garfield Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint

Sir

I send this day by Adams the Express
one hundred & seven thousand dollars (\$107,000) for coinage - viz

Gold	English	97.786.10
"	French	3.759.80
"	Old American	2.879.43
"	Spanish	1.470.00
"	Portuguese	452.92
Silver	Mexican &c	535.50
"	Five francs	116.25
		<u>\$107,000.00</u>

I should like for the above, five thousand Gold Dollars
& the remainder of the Gold in Double Eagles, unless you
can through your office as Assistant Treasurer Exchange
two or three thousand dollars for Silver dollars.

The Silver I send I should like returned in small
change - say \$500 in Dimes & the remainder in Half Dimes.

If the Double Eagles & Dollars are not yet ready
you will please keep the amount sent until they are.

Please acknowledge the receipt of the money.

Yours
& Obedient

Respectfully Henry H. Wood
Asst. Secy.

U.S. Mint, Phila. Pa.

April 16, 1879.

To.
Messrs. Howard & Son Company
Boston —

Gentlemen —

I have received this morning your letter of the 13th inst. and am sorry to say that the information you ask for is not in our power to give. The two canisters of gold dust which you sent to us bore the same marks and came from the same house, without additional instructions regarding them; and they, we therefore considered as one lot, and were entered together, melted together, and assayed together. I am glad to see from your own estimates that you had 3 the relative weights, and can thus determine the relative values with, I hope, sufficient accuracy.

Very respectfully
Your faithful servant
R. M. Patterson
Director

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Mail }
Paid } Boston, Apr 13. 1849

To the Director of the } Phila
U. S. Mint }

Dear Sir

Will you be kind enough to send us
a mem^o. of the result of the 2 Can-
isters of Gold Dust separately
if you can — Vry

C. H. H. #1 —

C. H. H. no N^o.

Taking the 2 together ~~and adding~~
they give the #1. \$904.79
+ no N^o. 2394.86
\$3299.65

The above belong to 2 separate
accounts & we wish to ascertain
the exact proportion of each, if
practicable.

Please reply
in return
by mail

Very Resp^{tly},
Howard, Son & Co

New York Apr 10/49

Sir

At the request of Dr W. H. Henshaw
I have secured for last three packets to
be sent containing for scales, and for
sending them to your Adm. H. Esq.
this day

I am

Very respectfully

Yours truly

Seabury Brewster

Dr W. H. Henshaw
Director U. S. Museum
Phila.

United States Mint,
Philad^a April 11th 1849.

Sir, Your favor of the 9th inst. is
received, enclosing a form of a sum-
mary statement of the operations of the
Mint, which I will with great pleasure,
in compliance with your request, use in
my future quarterly accounts of the
transactions at the Mint.

I am with great respect
Your obed^t serv^t

(Signed) James Ross Snowden
Treas.

Hon. J. N. McCallister
1st. Comptroller &c.

Philadelphia April 9. 1849
To Robert M. Patterson,
Superintendent United States Mint
at Philadelphia.

Sir,

We the undersigned, residents of
the City of Philadelphia, having known J. D.
Brashear, also a resident of Philadelphia,
for many years, and having confidence in his
integrity and qualifications: and believing he
will exert himself to fill his place and to give
satisfaction, do respectfully recommend him
to you, Sir, as a proper person for a clerkship
in the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

If you shall deem it proper, Sir
to give him such situation, you will confer
a favour on us, your fellow citizens.

Henry J. Pepper M. J. Boswell Esq. M. D.

Wm Neale Esq. M. D.	Wm. B. Booth Esq. M. D.
J. Cappington Esq. M. D.	Saml. M. Morris Esq. M. D.
Nobas Reed Esq. M. D.	Wm. B. Adams Esq. M. D.
Henry Bond Esq. M. D.	Chas. F. Wetmore Esq. M. D.
	Carper Morris Esq. M. D.

Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office.
April 9th 1849.

Sir,

Enclosed I send you a form
of a Summary Statement of the operations
of the Mint, which you are requested to
render, in future, with your account of
Gold & Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Yours H. D.

M. W. Butler
Comptroller

James R. Snowden Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint.
Philadelphia.

Phil. April 9, 1849

Robert M. Patterson

President W. S. Mint at Phil.

Sir

Allow me, if you please, to lay before you the accompanying paper, and to apply for the place therein named, or any other you may please.

Under my present circumstances, that it is absolutely necessary I should find some engagements. Fifteen months ago, (about) I resigned the place of Grammar Master in Walnut Street School, to engage in another business: but Providence not opening the way, I removed to Wilmington Del. and attempted a Young Ladies Academy in that place, which proving not very successful, I returned to Phil. last Dec. and have been pursuing business ever since, but without success.

I have some family, Mrs. B. and five children, and would be ^{thoroughly} thankful for some place of employment to afford me a support for them.

The names on my application are good witnesses of the truth of the above, and the number could be greatly increased, if required. I can give any amount of security.

Very respectfully
J. D. Brashers.

U. S. Mint,
Philad^a April 26 1849.

Sir,

I have rec^d the Spanish
Coins referred to, in yours of the 14th
inst^d and I am ^{very much} obliged
and I am enclosing a memo-
randum of their value as you request.

On official business, please address
the Treasurer of the Mint.

Very respectfully,
Yours &c &c
(Signed) Jas. R. Snowden
Treas.

Wm C. Crambacker Esq

Philadelphia and Lackawanna
Coal Company
Capital \$200,000
Shares \$20.

To be organized under the general incorporation law
of the State of Pennsylvania, passed April 7, 1849, and
Supplements thereto.

It is proposed to purchase an anthracite coal
estate in Lackawanna Valley, Luzerne County, Pen-
sylvania, consisting of about 130 acres of the best
quality of coal land for the sum of \$30,000. Ten
Thousand dollars to be paid down, and the balance
in four equal payments, with interest at 6 per cent
per annum, in two, three, four and five years from
the date of the execution of the deed to the company.
Two years is thus given to make the second payment.

Under the above tract of land lies about 6,552,000
tons of the best quality of anthracite coal. It is of
the same variety as that known in the market as
Pittston coal. The land lies contiguous to the lands now
owned by the Philadelphia and Pittston Coal Company,
and is an undivided half of a tract of land which Prof
H. J. Roberts, geologist of the City of Philadelphia
and Benjamin Hedden Mining Engineer of Scranton
Pa. examined and made a report on, dated April
1835, in which is given the following facts respecting
the quantity &c of coal contained in the land. They
are both gentlemen of high attainments and great
experience in anthracite coal mining and are

well qualified to speak authoritatively on the subject,

Extracts from Report of Messrs Roberts and Mudham

"Description of the Coals being described"

No. 1 This is the upper seam on this tract. The coal
is of a very good quality and underlies the
whole lot. It will work out 6 feet of clean
coal, and produce 9,600 tons per acre. The
130 acres yielding

1,248,000
1,148,000

No. 2 This is the large vein of Pittston and is extensively
worked in the neighborhood. It is an excellent quality
of coal and underlies the whole tract, and will work
out of clean coal 9 feet. Producing 14,400 tons
per acre and yielding on the 130 acres

1,872,000

No. 3 This vein is being mined in many places, in
all of which it proves of very superior quality. It under-
lies the whole tract, works 7 feet of clean coal
and produces 11,200 tons per acre, yielding on 130 acres, 1,456,000

No. 4 This vein is worked at Dunmore and proves of
excellent quality. It covers the whole lot,
produces 9,600 tons per acre yielding on 130 acres 1,248,000

No. 5 This vein is also being mined at Dunmore and
is of the same quality as No. 4. It covers the
whole tract, works 3 1/2 feet of clean coal -
produces 8,600 tons per acre equalling on 130

1,118,000
1,72,800

No. 6 This vein is generally looked upon as being
the present century.

Total tons on 130 acres 5,537,440

From which deduct 20 per cent for mine work support 1,107,488

Leaving clean merchantable coal when prepared for market 4,429,952

The lot of land extends about 125 rods on the Lackawanna River. One half of the front adjoins the pool of the feed dam of the North Branch canal. This pool has eight feet of water and is therefore of ample depth for any amount of shipping. The Lackawanna & Bloomsburg Rail Road is within forty rods, affording a channel to ships by R.R. Road if deemed advisable. The canal however is most convenient and affords every facility that could be desired. The lot is most favorably situated for mining purposes, occupying the centre of the great Synclinal axis or basin of the folds, which position would enable all the coal on the lot to be mined from one opening.

The quality of the coal is the same as that mined at Pittston, being of the hard variety of anthracite, suitable for the manufacture of iron and good for domestic uses."

The proper method of opening the coal on this lot would be by sinking a shaft; but the No. 1 vein can be worked by a tunnel on a water level. It is estimated that an expenditure of \$200,000 would enable the company to ship coal from vein No. 1 and that an expenditure of \$1,000,000 would open the second or Pittston vein and enable the company to ship from 75 to 100,000 tons per annum.

To purchase this land and develop the coal it is proposed to organize the above named company, under the general mining law of Pennsylvania and the supplements thereto, with a capital of \$200,000, divided into shares,

off 20 each, as follows: Each Subscriber may subscribe for as many shares as he may desire and pay down \$100 per share for each share so subscribed for. When the stock viz 10,000 shares is all subscribed for, the sum of \$1,000,000 will have been raised and the same shall be paid on the property. The land will then be deeded to the Company, subject to mortgage for balance of purchase money. Subsequently it is proposed that there shall be an assessment of \$1. per share to enable the Company to make the necessary improvements and preparations for vigorous mining operations. By the time \$400,000 shall have been expended and on the opening of canal navigation the ensuing spring, it is expected that the Company will be able to commence shipping coal, and as no further disbursements are to be provided for under two years it is confidently believed that the balance due on the land can be paid from the profits of mining, and that within three years from the present time the Company will have their property and ~~their~~ improvements clear and a mining capacity of 100,000 tons per annum, and thereafter realize dividends of from 10 to 15 per cent per annum. For proof that these expectations are reasonable, it is sufficient to refer to the fact that coal delivered in the boat at the pore or feeder of the canal will bring \$1.50 at least per ton, and from 50,000 tons thus delivered the sum of \$75,000 would be realized.

It is impossible to set forth fully

being \$1,500 at least per ton, and from 30,000 tons
thus delivered the sum of \$5,000 would be
realized.

It is impossible to set forth fully

the advantages of the situation of the
land in question for the mining and ship-
ping of coal. It is however confidently believed
to be unsurpassed in its location and that
the statements & calculations herein set
forth are based on facts, and will bear
the closest scrutiny.

Philadelphia & Lackawanna

Coal Company

Capital \$200,000

Share of \$20 each.

We the subscribers desirous of organizing a Coal Company under the
general Mining laws of the State of Pennsylvania, do hereby agree to take the number of shares set
of the Philadelphia and Lackawanna Coal Company with a Capital of \$200,000
divided into shares of \$20, do hereby agree to take the number of shares set
opposite our respective names, and pay down one dollar on each share for
each share so subscribed, to be paid into the hands of Hon. James Woodhull
The same to be appropriated to the first payment on the land, said land
being purchased at the rate of \$2.25 per acre. When the first payment is
made the land is to be deeded to the Company subject to mortgage for balance
of purchase money, and receive a Certificate for the number of shares subscribed
subject to assessments to pay balance of purchase money and make improvements.

Saml. Robt. Snowden	Five hundred Shares	500
H. R. Linderman	Five hundred Shares	500
S. Vixen	One thousand	1,000
Wm. A. West	Five hundred	500
James G. Gibson	Five hundred	500
Edw. H. Davis	Five hundred	500
C. J. Evans	Three hundred	300
Christine Holm	Two hundred & fifty	250

Yours Mr	one hundred shares
Geo. Meigs	one hundred shares
+ S. Vivian	five hundred shares
Geo. W. Childs	Five Hundred Shares
Geo. W. Childs Jr	one hundred shares

John Cady	one hundred shares
James McMain (250 sh)	Three Hundred & Fifty shares do. one hundred & fifty shares
Geo. E. Pelet	one hundred shares
Samuel S. White	one hundred fifty shares

Chas B. Hale	Fifty Shares
John R. McFaraday	one hundred shares
Geo. Meigs	one hundred sh
William Cogswell	Fifty Shares.
Ditto	Fifty Shares

W. O. Snyder	one hundred sh
Chas. W. Brown	one hundred shares
L. C. Zimmerman	one hundred shares
John C. Rice	Fifty shares
Wm. H. Floyd	Fifty shares

Wm. A. Brown	One Hundred Shares
A. B. Miller	Fifty shares
Geo. W. Wislizenus	Fifty Shares
Morgan Orr & Co	Two Hundred & Fifty Shares
W. H. H. H. H.	Fifty Shares 427 8th St
J. W. H. H. H.	Fifty ... 439 Broad
Gas. C. Castello	One hundred shares.
Mrs. Phillips	One hundred share

Gas. C. Castello	One hundred shs. 100
John Lettingill	one hundred share
Wm. H. H. H.	Fifty shares -
M. R. Mosley	Fifty Shares
Chas. Murphy	Fifty Shares

Wm Johnson 25 Shares
Joseph M. Mealy 500 Shares
Nathan Wells 100 "
O. M. Drury 100 "
M. Poine 100 "
William J. Staso Twenty five Shares

U. S. Mint,
Philad^a April 9th 1849.

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 6th inst
addressed to Mr. Edelman, a clerk
in the Mint, has been put in my hands.
In answer to your inquiry, I have to
state that the payment of your deposit
was not made from coin manufactured
from California gold. If we have coin
on hand, I pay whatever the value of
the deposit is ascertained, and any
other course would result in great
delay to depositors.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

(signed) James Ross Snowden
Near U. S. Mint

Messrs. Reed, Wade & Co.
Boston.

Boston April 6th 1849.

Wm. D. Adams &
Treasurer Mint
Philad.

Dear Sir,

A few days since we
received of Adams & Co. by express a Package containing
\$1123.85. as return for a bundle of Californian gold
sent by us to the Mint by that Express.

There being some considerable injury
made to ascertain whether the returns made are
coined from Californian gold or other bullion. you
would greatly oblige us with the information
whether the coin received by us was coined
from Californian gold or not.

We remain Respectfully

Yours Obedt Servants

Gold & Silver Co.

Assured that the
return to your Gold
paid in Cal. gold.

Post Office

Ball, Apr. 4th 1869

My Dear Sir, I have sent to the Mint
by Adams the Express a bag of Spanish
coin with you have the goodness to
send me a memorandum of its value
when ascertained. It will be deposited
in the hands of Jas. M. Buchanan
Very respectfully
Yours Mt. Love
Colonel A. H. Murray

Prof. R. H. Culver
Chula Pa

Treasury Department
Post Auditors Office
April 4th 1869

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
the Chief Cashier's account of Copper for 1st Quarter 1869

Respectfully

Yours At + Servt

W. Collins

1st Auditor

To
James Ross Snodden Esq
Treasurer Mint
Philadelphia

Minist of the United States

4 April 1849

Sir, ~~As the amount of the deposit is now~~
Enclosed you will find a receipt for your
deposit of California Gold dust, and a mem-
orandum showing the value thereof.

Your telegraphic despatch in relation to
this deposit has been just received, and a re-
ply transmitted. The reason the receipt was
not before sent was that we supposed that
it was your wish that the memorandum should
accompany ~~the same~~. ~~Very respectfully~~
~~Yours truly~~

The coinage of gold dollars and double ea-
gles will not be commenced for some time
yet. We can consult your convenience in re-
spect to the Eagles and $\frac{1}{2}$ Eagles.

From the proceeds of your deposit there
will be deducted ninety five cents the charge
for returning an answer to your telegraphic
despatch.

Very respectfully

R. Patterson

Assistant Clerk

Frankfort 24th Sept 1849

Honorable Sir

I beg leave to enclose herewith, copy of several certificates of a young German
who is now engaged in the mint as engraver and who desires to go and to the U. S. provided
he could find there a similar employment. The several new branches of the mint, being erected,
I thought I might venture and recommending the same, and with well fulsome, forward to the
same my proposition. I trust I may consider fit to make
I avail myself of this opportunity, to tender the assurance of the highest esteem and
consideration, with which I have the honor to be

Yours very obed^t servant

Chas. Kracke

At St. Louis

Thos. D. A. L. Patterson

At St. Louis

Philadelphia

U. S. Mint, April 3, 1849,

Sir,

I enclose to you the
Chief Coiner's account of Copper,
which should have accompanied
the account forwarded to you
yesterday.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient

(signed) James Ruf. Snowden
Mint.

Wm. Collins Esq
1st Auditor of the Treasury

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
April 3^d 1819

Dr
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your
Bill for Copper & ordinary Expense Account for the Quarter
ending 31st March 1819—

Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servant
W Coelins
1st Auditor

Mr
James Ross Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Unit
Philadelphia }
1819

United States Mint,
Philad^a: April 2^d 1849

Sir, I herewith forward you,
the accounts of the operations of the
Mint for the quarter ending
the 31st day of March, 1849, which
I hope you will find to be correct.

Very respectfully,
Yours &c. &c. &c.

(Signed)
Jas. Ross Snowden
Treas.

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1st Auditor of the Treasury,
Washington

United States Mint,
Philad^a April 2^d 1849.

Sir, I forward you herewith,
the quarterly accounts of the ordinary
receipts and expenditures of the Mint
for the quarter ending the 31st day
of March 1849, which I hope you
will find to be correct.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obedt Serv^t
(signed) Jas. R. Mendenhall

Wm. Collins Esq,
Attache of the Treasury
Washington.

New York April 30th 1849

A. M. Patterson, Esq^{re}
Director U. S. Mint Philad^a

Sir

By Livingston W. Esposito
I rec^d the memorandum of the ~~four~~ packages Feb^y
Doubt I sent you 2nd Inst, & the proceeds, \$1038.¹⁸
as per your certificate, was paid to me by the above
mentioned express. By my letter, I requested you
to have the goodness to send me two certificates
but only one come for the whole four packages.
As they are different owners, I beg of you again
to make two certificates in my own name, viz
One for C.A. I. $\frac{1}{3}$ three Packages with weight &
One for R. I. One do value.
The pleasure to excuse so much trouble &
believe me, Sir, your obtst serv^t

A. Aranguen

Read

New York 30th May 1849.

G. R. M. Patterson

Director U. S. Mints

Philadelphia

My dear Sir

It is a matter of some interest for me to know the average output of California Gold, as compared with Mexico weight - in other words. What is the net result at the mint, both in the value of California Gold for Mexico - and how the weight usually holds out with the Mexico. These are facts you no doubt are in possession of, and if consistent with your position you can answer the enquirer, I shall esteem it a great favor. But I trust you will not hesitate in being very frank with me, should any objection present itself to your mind. I should also like to know how the

results of the different kinds of gold such as
the - By digging - the Digging - Feather River -
Tule River - Middlefork & Mormon Island ^{some} - some
of these are said to be much finer than others.
I am glad to hear of the safe arrival of my
good friend L. Farnum at San Francisco - no
letters have been received from him but the mail
is on the way.

Very truly yours
Wm L. Seymour

E. C. B. P.

Treasury Department
May 29, 1829.

Sir

The changes, as suggested in
your letter of the 28th instant, to be made in the
Tariff of charges at the Mint, to depositors of
Bullion for coinage, are approved.

I am very Resp^t.

W. M. Meredith

Sec. of the Treasury.

J. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint

Wm. W. V. Phil. 27 May 1849

Sir,
The deposit referred to in your letter of the 25th was received yesterday, and a receipt sent to you by Adams & Co's express line. I now send you a memorandum of the proceeds.

The demand upon us for gold dollars is so great that we cannot make your payment in that coin without some delay, but it will not be more than a week.

Rm P.
S

Wm. W. V. }
High W. Greene Esq }
u. S. A. }
Norfolk Va }

Assistant Treasurer's Office
Boston May 26. 1879

Yr

Yours of the 24th inst has been received
& in reply I acknowledge the receipt of \$5000
in Gold Dollars & I will be full as agreeable
to me to receive lots of that amount whenever
you may find it convenient to send them.

On the 15th inst. I forwarded by Adams
\$400 four hundred dollars in silver & at the same
time wrote you a letter requesting in return
\$250 in Half Dimes & \$150 in Dimes, as you say
nothing in yours of the 24th inst. with ^{reply} to it & as
I have not heard of its receipt, I take this oppor-
tunity to mention the fact & say that we are
almost entirely out of Half Dimes,

I am Sir

Very Respectfully

Wm. W. T. Swift

James A. Howard Esq.
Treasurer A. L. Unit
Philadelphia

Henry Hubbard
Appt. Treas. U. S.

W. S. Merrill,

Philada May 26. 1849.

Sir I herewith forward you
the weekly statement ending this day
showing the state of the Bullion and
public money deposited in the Mint by
the Treasury of the United States.

Very respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt.

(Signed) J. R. Shannon
J. R. Shannon

Wm. Selden Esq.
New York

U. S. Mint
Philad^a May 26. 1849.

Sir, Your letter of the 24th inst.
is received, and also Mr. Adams & Co
the amount of transfer drafts \$101,782
& 783, being \$200,000. in foreign gold

Very truly & respectfully,
Yours &c.

(Signed)
James Ross Snowden
Treas^r U. S. Mint

Hon W. C. Brewster
an^d Treas^r U. S.
and N. York.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

26 May 1849.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James R. Snowden Esq

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it; should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to affix his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses.

Norfolk, Va May 25. 1849.

N^o McTearson Esq

Director U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Sir - I enclose

herewith a bill of lading for one box forwarded this day to your address by Adams & Co's Express, containing two bars of gold, as follows:

No 111 - 510 cast^o } leg 894/1000

" 114 - 948 - "

1458 " equal to 233²⁸/₁₀₀ Gr of

assayed by "Delaurand", of Valparaiso

Also two bottles of grain gold, as follows:

1 bottle said to contain 97.319^o Troy

1 " " " 30

127.19^o "

To be coined into one dollar gold pieces - and a separate account rendered of the value of the bars from that of the grains.

Wm. G. M.

please acknowledge the receipt of the
box, and inform me how soon the
value of its contents will be ready for
delivery to my order.

I am Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant
Hugh W. Greene
U.S. Army

P.S. The freight on the box is paid

Office of the United States

Philadelphia, 24 May 1849

Sir,

Your letter of a late date, asking me to send you \$25000, in gold dollars, is received. I regret I cannot at once comply with your request. The demand for these coins is very great, and up to this time I have only received from the Chief Coiner \$94,000, - but a large amount are in process of completion. I send you to day, per Messrs. Adams & Co., \$5000, and will, as soon as possible send you the balance. Perhaps I may have to send it in parcels of \$5000 or thereabouts, if that will suit your convenience.

Very respectfully

Your obedt servant

Am. Henry Hubbard
Asst. Treas. U. S.
Boston

(signed) James Ross Snowden

Per. A. S. Flint

Ap. Tr. Office N.Y. May 24/69
J. M. Snowden Esq.
Tr. Mont. U. States

Sir I have this day
paid as per order to Adams Esq.
two transfer drafts drawn in your
favor on this Office for two
hundred thousand dollars.
Please to acknowledge
the receipt of the transfer.

Respectfully I am
yours &c
Wm. C. Boyce Esq.
Ap. Tr.

Providence May 24. '79

Dear Sir

We send per Hamden this
express today from hundred & fifty assignments to
your address for coinage into Gold Dollars.
We secured your favor & were pleased to hear
that we could have them returned within a
week. Please take a receipt from it by when
you return same & forward it to us & by so
doing will much oblige

Yours very Truly

F. & A. C. Mauran

Please acknowledge receipt of remittance

The Gold Dollars - How to get them.

Leave a petition on the counters of the
newspaper offices in Boston, New York,
Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington
for signatures - asking the President
to remove the Director of the Mint at
Philadelphia, and to appoint one who
will see the Law carried into effect -

Specie -

Philadelphia May 23rd 1844

To
Edward Sprague Esq
U. S. Mint
Dear Sir

Mr. Dykes with his
family desiring to visit the Mint please
pardon this liberty of introducing them to
You with regards and attentions

With much Respect
Yours etc

Henry Pickens

at the Mayor's Office

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

23 May 1849.

For:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

W. M. Patterson Esq

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U. S. Mint,
Philad^a May 23, 1849.

Sir, I have rec^d your letter of the
22^d inst with the enclosures, stated, viz.
two transfer drafts nos 782 & 783 for 100,000
each in my favor on the Am^{er} Bank, New York,
payable in foreign gold coins. I have
this day sent for the amount per Messrs
C. Dams & Co and who delivered to me
by the, will be placed to your credit
on Bullion Account.

Very respy
Yours &c &c

(Signed) J. R. Snowden
Treas^r

Hon. W. S. Selden
Treas^r of the U. S.
Washington

W. S. Miles,
Hawaii May 13 1849,
Cullenay, I send you a statement
of the value of your deposits of this 15
inst. The amount will be paid in
gold dollars on presentation of the Mint
receipt with your endorsement.

Very respy
Yours obt. servt
(signed) James Ross Sprouden
Treas.

W. S. Miles
(Chas. D. de Ford)
Baltimore

Treasury of the U. States
22nd May 1849

For
Whereunto I hand you two Transfer
drafts Nos 782 & 783 for \$100,000 each, in your favor, on
the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, payable
on demand in foreign gold coin at Philadelphia,
which you will please pass to my credit in your books,
on "Sullivan account".

very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Wm. D. Sullivan
Treasurer U. S.

Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, May 22, 1849.

Sir,

In the 18th Section of the Mint Act of January 1837
1837 and is amended as follows:

(Here copy the whole Section)

In compliance with the provisions, I present, on the
28th January 1849, the following tariff of Mint Charges, which
is approved, on the 1st of February following.

[Here copy, as amended, pp. 62, 63.]

Under these terms, our charges have been made,
up to the present time. But, now, the results of
long experience, — economical changes introduced in
some of the processes, — and lower ^{prices} charges for materials
used — justify ^{an} ~~material~~ change in the system of
charges, and such as will be ^{equally} advantageous to the
depositories of bullion for coinage. At my re-
quest the important matter has been thoroughly
examined by the Attorneys of the Mint, and their

investigations have led to the ^{purpose} ~~brief~~ of rates ~~but~~
~~presently~~, and of which I respectfully ask your
approbation.

By comparing the present change with ~~the~~
proposed, you will see that the latter are ~~more~~
~~lower~~. The ^{the purpose} effect of this change would be ~~pre-~~
~~judicially felt~~ by the depositors who present ~~gold~~
~~and silver~~ which bullion of mixed gold and silver
which ~~must~~ must be subjected to the process of
^{partial} ~~separation~~. All the California gold yet re-
ceived by us, and much of the gold and silver
of Mexico and South America, are of this char-
acter, and to compete for them on equal terms
with the mints of Europe, the action proposed
becomes necessary.

R. M. P.

Secy

Amos A. Merrill,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Assistant Treasurers Office
Boston May 21. 1849.

James H. Snowden Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint.
Sir

Will you
send by Adams Ex. Co. Express Twenty five thousand
Gold dollar pieces from the amount now
at the mint to the credit of this Office.
I find that the demand for them is
very great at this time.

I am Sir very respectfully
Yours Obedt Serv^t

Henry Hubbard
Asst. Tr. U. S.

Sweet child of the W. L.

Philadelphia, May 21, 1849.

Friend,

I have received your letter of the 19th, and find that you have probably before now yourself abroad, that you sent to me the letter to you, instead of yours to Mr. Selden. Please to correct this error?

I am much pleased to learn that you are making such satisfactory progress with the study.

Very truly yours,

R. M. Patterson,

son

C. C. Wright, Esq.

80 Nassau St.

N. Y.

E. M. P.

Treasury Department
May 21. 1849.

Sir,

The Treasurer of the United States has, this day, been requested to issue two transfer drafts of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) each, on the Assistant Treasurer at N. York in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint at Philadelphia - Payable at Philadelphia in fine gold coins. The amount to be transferred under your direction as heretofore for recoinage.

I am very Resp^l.

W. A. R. [Signature]
Secy of the Treasury.

D. R. M. Patterson -
Director of the Mint - Philad^a

P. The As^t Treasurer's return shows only \$185,000 - he will probably have the bal. by the time the drafts reach him.

Bulle. May 21st, 1849.

Sir,

We received your certificate, No. 421, May 15th/49.
for Ninety-three and 2/1000 ounces Gold Bullion, which
shall have been coined into one dollar pieces, & delivered as when
ready for delivery.

Y^r O^blig^d

Y^r Very Respectfully

Charles D. De Ford

By the Treasurer of the
Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia.

War Department,
Washington, May 21. 1869

Sir,

I have this forwarded by Adams & Co's Express,
as per receipt herewith a package containing

1 Bar 11.74 oz Gold, valued at \$ 217.10

1 Bar 11.81 oz Gold valued at \$ 218.36

and 10 of 3 dwt 15 grs Gold dust valued at \$ 183.84

Total Value \$ 619.30

which you will please receive for coinage. The
value of this deposit when ascertained you will
please hold subject to the order of the Secretary
of War for the time being.

Very respectfully

Yours Obedt. Serv

John W. Brown

Secretary of War

A. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia, Penn.

I Clean Paint

Newbury Port mass May 1891

James Ross Swanton Esq. Newbury

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Enclosure my dear

on Commercial Bank of Penna for \$600. \$
for which I have sent me. 200 Dollars in coin. 200.
and for gold notes of 200 " " " " 200.
and 200 Gold Dollars 200.
600.

by schooner. Curpio, Capt Dixon - He will inform you
when he is ready for sea -

Adelung, you stamp, then
I you will send edge

Yours as ever, Sarah Stone
Cam.

War Department

Washington May 17th 1869

Mr. N. M. Patterson

Director of the U. S. Mint

Sir

I will be much obliged to you if you will furnish me with a certified copy of the receipt I gave you on the 1st of January last, when I took the \$1,474.00 - of coined California gold and the two bars - I must return over to the Treasury all that I received - and for this purpose am desirous of a copy of my receipt - Your immediate attention to this matter will much oblige me.

Yours Very Respectfully

J. Campbell

J. Thompson's Exchange Office,
64 Wall Street,
New-York, May 15th 1849

Treasurer Minn. St.

Enclosed is \$1200.00
less \$12.00 by say — sends \$1188.00
Coins by Adams Express

Table of Discount on Bank Notes.

EASTERN.....
PHILADELPHIA.....
BALTIMORE.....
N. Y. COUNTRY.....
CANADA.....
OHIO & IA.....
MICHIGAN.....
VIRGINIA.....
N. CAROLINA.....
S. CAROLINA.....
GEORGIA.....
KY. & MO.....
NEW ORLEANS.....
MOBILE.....
TENNESSEE.....

Very Respectfully, Yours,

John Thompson

Per J. M. Nye

Mont. A. S. Phil. May 15, 1899

dear Sir,

Your letter of the 12th inst. was received yesterday. You express in it your wish that all the gold deposited by your bank should be coined into gold dollars; or at all events that we should not say of gold coins as we now do, and as fast as we can.

We are willing to comply with your desire in either of its forms, but I must tell you that you cannot be paid so promptly in these smaller coins as in the larger. The principal cause of delay is in the adjustment of the planchets, every one of which has to be separately weighed, and if too heavy, filed down to the standard weight, or if too light, rejected.

Under these circumstances, I think it best that we should communicate frequently upon the subject, from time to time, with you as deposits are made, with Mr. Jackson, of your bank, and can, I presume, always express its wishes.

I cannot join with you in the apprehension that many millions of these gold dollars will be kept out of circulation as trinkets. Like all other new fashions they will have their run for a time, but it will be a limited one.

Most truly your friend & servant

R. M. T.

Land J. Butler Esq

Remitted to the Conductor of the
United States Mint at Philadelphia
by John M. Secor - May 14th 1849 -

160	Sovereigns	Geo
54	do	vic
214		Dr - Dr
1	half	do

You will please coin them all
into ~~the~~ One dollar pieces
and forward to your obedient servant
John M. Secor

No 417 Broadway

N. Y.

Broker

W. S. Allin.

May 14, 1849.

Mr. Sidore Raphael, (405 Pearl St., N. Y.)
called at the Mint, and said that he had brought
with him to Philadelphia, a ton of Copper cent
planchets, which he wished us to receive, at the
rate given to others, and payable in cents.

No value had been given for these planchets, nor
had any even been asked; but it was a speculation
made without authority. The offer was also
entirely unknown to us. Under these circumstances
the planchets were not received, and Mr. Raphael's
offer was peremptorily and respectfully rejected.

W. S. P.

W. J. Mint.
Philad^a May 12, 1849.

Sir, I received in due time your letter of the 7th inst. I had anticipated your request by forwarding the coin you des^d per Adams Co., which I hope came safely where. I lost no time in sending you the gold dollars having sent them the next day after the first delivery was made to me by the Chief Coiner.

In answer to your inquiry, when the double eagles will be coined, I have to state that I can fix no time when you may expect them; they will not be ready for some weeks, certainly not during the present month.

The Engraver is engaged upon the dies, and when he has them made the coin will be struck.

Very res^{ly},
Wm. Lincoln

(Signed) J. M. R. Snowden
Spec.

Henry Hall & Co.,
Boston.

New York 32nd May 1899

Sir

Please take us into consideration as we furnish our share in the gold with the most of the gold deposited by them for Crinall some are disappointed they have been unable to send us but for most of which we had to give to our Bank & public officials this is a matter of importance to us that we should have a further supply I cannot say I ever approved of the Govt as it will take 5 million of Dollars out of circulation as every man woman & child must have one before they will begin to be used as coin besides which every Public & private

in Europe will mark some
they are ^{sure} be curioisities
for some years - Please say
what the intention of the Govt
is on this subject as we have
ordered all our Gold put into
Gold Dollars - at all events I wish
you ^{would} let our House have as
many as you can for not but
far as you can - I am happy
to say our list is put down

It might have been avoided by
better judgement on the part of
our authorities. This the first
Blood ^{that} from the Military since
the revolution in this City I hope
it will be the last

Please accept my best
Respects & consideration

I am sincerely

Yours
Jas Patterson

Yours

Saml J. Dubuque

Treasury Department
May 10. 1869.

Dear Sir

I received this morning, the
10 dollar gold coins, for which I return you my thanks.

I enclose a draft for \$50- and if you can send me
40 you will do me a favor - say \$20 at one time.

There is a great scarcity of silver coins in our good City and
the Treasurer wishes to know if he can be supplied with
from \$10,000- to \$20,000- in dollar gold coins - and how soon.

I am very truly &c

Yours

S. M. McKean

J. Prof. Snowden Esq.

Dr. Messrs Philad.

Sent \$40 in gold dollars to

Mr. McKean, to Mr. U. B. Fowler

& the firm of Adams & Co. and said to
Mr. F. K. that he might say to Mr. Alden
that I could send him say 7. or 8,000
gold dollars when he sends me his
draft.

ECP

Treasury Department
May 10. 1879.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of, and to thank you for, the 10. dollar gold coin
enclosed in your letter of the 5th instant - and I send
herewith my check for the amount -

I am very Res^{ly} &c

W. S. Mendenhall

Sec of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

U. S. Mint,
Philad^a May 7th 1849

Dear Sir,

I send you to day from Messrs
Adams & Co. \$5000 in gold dollars, \$1500
in eagles, and \$500 in dimes, making in all
\$7000. The remaining \$100,000 due you
will be paid in double-eagles, as soon as they
are coined, in accordance with your letter
of the 20th ult., or at a some period of
desire in other gold coins.

Very respy
Wm. B. Ewing

(Signed)
Wm. B. Ewing
Treasury

Wm. H. Hubbard
Atty^y Gen. Boston

Assistant Treasurer Office
Boston May 9th 1839

Y^r

When I wrote to you on
the 25th ulto I had the impression
that you would be able to furnish
me with the seven thousand dollars
mentioned therein in the course of a week
or ten days & my object in now writing,
is to ask the favor of you forwarding without
delay the change asked for as I am entirely out
of it, & I should also like to know from you,
when I may expect the dollar pieces & also if
you think that the State Eagles will be
ready before the close of the present month.

To James R. Throden Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Yours respectfully
Henry A. Boardy
Assistant Treasurer U. S.
Boston

U. S. Mint,
Philad^a May 7, 1847.

Sir,

I rec^d your letter of the 5th inst. and
also per^d Adams & Co the paper package containing
two tin canisters, California gold. I send the
Messrs Adams & Co the Mint receipt through whom
you will receive it. I omitted answering your
letter for a day or two because of the difficulty
of answering your inquiries in relation to
the difference in the value of the deposits
mentioned by you. In reference to that
question, I can now state that the
deficiency of return stated by you does
not arise "from imperfect washing" as the
loss in melting was about the average, but
from a lower grade of fineness; in which
respect there is a marked difference
between the fine thin spangles and the
coarse grains from the "dry diggings" to
which latter class your deposits by
Messrs. Atkins & Co. evidently belong.

was sent in the last deposit was
a tin in the amount of \$100.00

There is besides some scope in the quality
of both kinds of the gold from the Californian
region, and a very considerable variation
in individual lumps of the coarse-grained
gold.

Your recent deposit is now assayed
but will be reported to me tomorrow or the
next day at which time I will enclose
the assessment of its value to you.

Very respy,
Yours obedt servt
(signed) James R. Snowden.
Hear.

Wm. H. Burdette Esq
Boston

Mr. David Chyphaut

New York May 9. 1867

Dear Sir

We have your Standard Certificate
for a box of Gold Dues value about
40000 which they take in by their Express to
deliver the same at the Mint for our account

We desire you to proceed to Philadelphia
to take charge of the same for us & make
arrangement for the earliest return of the
Gold sent to us in Coin and the same be
your authority to do the necessary for us

Sincerely Yours

Chyphaut Sir

Treasury Department
Comptroller's office
May 1st 1849

Sir
Your accounts of Ordinary Expenses
of the Mint for the 4th quarter of 1848 have
been adjusted at the Treasury and a balance
of \$16,556.46 stated to be due from you
to the United States - which is thus explained
By - Balance due to the U. States from

Your account - \$12,556.46
Add the following warrants not yet
credited by you. Warrant dated January
25th 1849 \$2,000.00
Warrant No 7776b dated February 22nd 1849 2,000.00
\$16,556.46

Very respectfully
your obedt servant
Matthew C
Comptroller

James Ross Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
May 8th 1854

Sir,

Your account of Gold and
Silver Bullion for the 4th quarter of 1853
has been adjusted at the Treasury, and
a balance of \$455,443.⁰⁰ is stated to be
due from you to the United States - Consisting
of Gold Bullion \$12,656,893 \$235,477.07
Silver " " 78,819,500 91,717.91
Gold Coinage 39,446.93 39,446.93
Silver do. 88,803.15

\$455,443.00

Very respectfully
Matthew C. Smith
Comptroller

Wm. A. B. Snowden
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia 3

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, May 8th, 1869.

Sir,

We have to-day commenced the coinage of gold dollars, and I send to you the enclosed pieces, with a request that you will also show them to the President.

As the length of time occupied in making the primary dies has been complained of, I feel it but justice to say that the Engraver, ^(Mr. Morgan) devoted himself constantly and assiduously to the work, and that his labor was greatly ^{increased} by the minuteness of the coin.

R.M.P.

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Yorston May 7. 1844
James P. Snowden Esq
Treasury U.S. District

Sir

We have this day
forwarded to your address by Adams
Co Express a small Package of
Gilt busts of Lincoln as weighing
29 oz. & put. 18 Gp. The value of
which we wish to retain in
Gilt

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt
Amos A. Hays

New York May 7. 1849
N. M. Patterson Esq
Director U.S. Mint
Phil^a
Dr. Sir

Herewith we
forward you for Adams & Co Express a Box containing
Four Packages Gold & Gold Dust marked and
numbered as follows by

Croft & Brown of 1. one package Gold Dust.

2. of 2 one 200 200

3. one 200 200

4. of 331 one box of Gold

These lots belong to different Parties and you will
please oblige us to keep them separate.

Will you please give us certificates made on our
names of weights & value of the above parcels with a
duplicate of Packages. Numbered 1 & 2. as soon
as convenient.

We beg to remain

Very Resp^{ly}

Yours

Croft & Brown

The Gold Dollar.

We have been assured, from a source on which we can place reliance, that the delay so much complained of in issuing the gold dollars, at the mint has arisen exclusively from the time occupied in making the original dies and hubs; and on these the engraver has been constantly and industriously engaged, since the passage of the law authorizing this coinage. We are also told that the dies will probably be finished within two or three days; and that the chief coiner has nearly \$100,000 of gold planchets and strips in readiness for the new coins.

The accomplished director of the mint at Philadelphia has been charged with holding back the coinage because he was opposed to the law itself. It is scarcely necessary to say that a man like Dr. Patterson would not condescend to defend himself against so false and outrageous an insinuation. Nor can friends stoop to refute it.

Governor Talcott.—We learn by a telegraphic despatch from Hartford, that Mr. Talcott was this morning chosen governor. All the other whig candidates were elected, except the treasurer, Mr. Taylor, (not old Zerk,) of Middletown. In lieu of him, Henry D. Smith, esq., the democratic candidate, was chosen; and a capital officer he will make. A singular result, in fact all the circumstances. *(New Haven Register, May 3.)*

The Massachusetts legislature adjourned on Wednesday afternoon, after a session of 120 days. The bills on the subject of the sale of intoxicating drinks and changing the law in relation to capital punishment, failed by disagreement. The State will not have, either, any protection against the paupers, among the thousands of foreign emigrants now coming; or the bill providing against the introduction of the United States Supreme Court having failed in the House.

Union of Massachusetts
May 6, 1864

United States Mint, Phila. May 5, 1849

Sir, I have ^{received} ~~received~~ your letter of the 2d inst. with the enclosing statement. The error in the account of John H. Ketchum arises from the inadvertence of the Clerk in stating that his per diem is \$1.25 instead of \$1.36, which is the amount of his pay as fixed by the Director of the Mint. The error is corrected, and the vouchers are herewith transmitted to you.

With great respects,
Yours ob. servant,

Samuel Ross Snowden,
Treas.

Hon. J. W. Caldwell
Comptroller.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, May 5, 1869.

Sir,

The substance enclosed in the paper letter of the
10th ult. is ferruginous mica, and contains no
precious metal. This mineral is frequently mistaken
for gold, and its appearance may well lead to this
mistake. It is frequently sent to the Mint for
judgment as to its nature.

R. M. P.

R. Tinsley, Esq.
Post Master
Dacotah, Adams Co., N. Y.



OFFICES, 9 Court St. Boston. 16 Wall St. New York.
80 Chestnut St. Philadelphia. 182 Baltimore St. Baltimore.
95 Fourth St. Pittsburg. Penn. Av. Washington.

Packages will be received at Office in Boston, and forwarded to New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Richmond, Charleston, Pittsburg, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, New Orleans, Norwich, New Haven and Hartford, Conn.

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Boston, May 5, 1849

Received of *Wm H. Doodman* by
a *postage paid* & *country*
Gold *Post* *paid* - *Thirty eight*
hundred *thirteen* *Dollars*

advised James H. Snowden
Great U S mint Phila

Fire and perils of the Seas excepted.

For Adams J Co.

Adams & Co

Doston May 5. 1849
James B. Snowden Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Phil^a

Sir,

I have this day forwarded
you E. Adams & Co. Express, a paper package containing two
Tin Canisters California Gold Dust, weighing 8 Dwt. 15 Grs. Two
Hundred & fifty six Grains, nine pennyweights, & twenty Grains
Troy. for which you will oblige me by remitting a Certificate
of deposit for value of same, which can be collected here
from our Banks.

I had a parcel remitted a few days since by Messrs J.
Atkins & Co. New York, which did not result so well as the
parcel deposited for me in December by Mr. Carter. You
will oblige me by stating whether the difference arises from
impurity, or imperfect weighing.

The seal upon package is same as upon letter.

I am &c

Your Obedt^t Servant

W. H. Burdette

New York May 4th 1869

Dear Sir!

I have sent you yesterday forty dollars in gold for remittance and if the return of the same would not be retarded thereby I would feel obliged to you to have as many of the new gold dollar pieces as may be convenient to you to pass.

I also would beg for the return four thousand Dollars in Silver forwarded nearly two weeks since to be coined into half Dollars, at your earliest convenience and use this occasion to acknowledge the receipt of your two kind notes of January last, for which please to accept my best acknowledgments and to believe the assurance of highest respect from

Yours
very respectfully
Permit me to remain

W. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Washington 30 May 49

You will be removed in consequence of your hostility to the Gold Dollar Law - and you will only be able to save yourself by an immediate appeal of that kind. Two months to get one die struck, is absurd, and if the die sinkers won't work or can't work better, remove them. The President has said this day "he holds you responsible and the laws must be carried out."

We are strangers to each other but I think it proper that you should know the President's opinions and intentions.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
May 31st 1869

Mr

To facilitate the adjustment of
your accounts, of expenses of the Mint, for
the 3rd quarter of 1868, I return to you
three vouchers, for payments made to
John McCombs for work done at the Mint,
- the first amount of which, according to
the stated number of days, and rate per day
should be paid in cash, instead of \$89.75
as charged.

You will please examine and correct
the same, and promptly return them to this
Office.

Very respectfully,
M. W. Cooke
Comptroller

J. R. Snowden Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Norwalk. May 2nd 1849

Dear Sir

I forward specimens of some kind for your examination. As we have no means of testing their quality here, I should be glad, if you are not too much troubled with such applications, if you ^{would} inform me what they are, and whether of any use.

With Respect

H. Gallup

PAID
Superintendent U.S. Mint

Decatur P. O. Otsego Co. N. Y. 4/30/1849

Sir

Enclosed you will find a yellow shining mineral
which is found in this vicinity in a small stream of
water. Not having any test to ascertain what it is
and indeed not knowing how to test it if I had
I take the liberty to send it directed to you hoping
that you or some of the Chemists or some one
will take the trouble to ascertain what it is and
let me know it certainly looks somewhat impure
when wet in water but it may be worthless
I beg pardon for troubling you on such a matter
but I did not know who else to send it to
and if it is too much trouble to test it or
hand it to some one who will you have only to
throw it away

With many apologies for troubling you

I remain Sir yours

Most humble

Servt

W. Griff. P. M.

Decatur
N. Y.

Asst of the Mint
Phil.

Mint U.S.
Ph. Jan 30, 1869.

Sir,

Your letter of the 28th inst. was not received
till this morning. I have to regret that it is not
in my power to give a satisfactory answer to your
inquiry as to the time when we can pay over the
returns for your deposits. The California gold
contains so much silver combined with it, that
it requires to be submitted to the operation of
parting, which necessarily gives rise to delay.
Every caution is made at the Mint to hasten our
work, but I cannot now say at what time your
deposits will be paid.

R. W. P.

For. Van Nostrand, Esq.
New York C.

Boston June 30, 1849.

James M. Howard Esq
Waltham N. H. Post

if

It will be a great
convenience to me if you can forward
by Adams \$100 a part of the money due
this office in Eagles ^{on Monday morning} if you have
not eagles you need not send them.
I should with answer

Very respectfully

J. H. Hubbard

Asst. Treas. N. H. P.

Dr. J. H. Hubbard

clerk

Dr R M Patterson
Director U.S. Mint Philad

Self enclosed we hand
you bill and duplicate as directed for 200
Gold Bags which will arrive tomorrow by
adams Express - Hoping that we will receive
further orders from you, which we can assure
you will receive our best attention

Remain Your M. O. Servt,
for E. P. Bennett
Henry R. David

Philad: June 29/29

Minister of the United States

Philadelphia, June 29, 1849.

The provision in the 31st section of the act of January 18, 1837, authorizing depositors of public money to be paid at the Mint by the Secretary of the Treasury, for the purpose of enabling it to make the return to the depositors with as little delay as possible, has since that early epoch up to the present time, so that prompt payments have been constantly made in return for deposits. This desirable condition in our Mint business is now unfortunately interrupted, and I feel it my duty to report the fact to you.

The deposits recently received are very large, and a great part of them in Californian gold. Now this gold contains so much diluted amalgam, and it, that it requires to be parted by solution in acid, a process giving rise to necessary delay. We have at this time, in the Mint, about \$686,211 dollars ⁱⁿ waste of gold requiring purification. Every effort is made to hasten this operation, and measures

are taken for enlarging the apparatus required.
Still the present deposits must be detained
from payment for a considerable time. There is
now due to private depositors, in gold, \$ 665,186,
and to the Assistant Treasurer at Boston, in return
for foreign ^{gold} coins, \$ 127,701.

The drafts which you have recently made
upon the Government deposits at the ^{amounting} to \$ 411,115.34, have necessarily served, & that
effect, to increase the delay of payment to
other depositors.

If ^{it is again in your power again to receive} the Government deposits, ~~and then~~ again
issued by a transfer of foreign gold coins, our pre-
sent difficulty would be proportionally relieved.
These coins do not require sorting, or any other pre-
parations that give rise to delay, and the savings
in this respect are accomplished.

R. M. P.

Wm. M. Little,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Springfield June 28th 1849
To Robt M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Dear Sir

A great desire has been felt
in this community to procure a sufficient
number of gold dollars to be used as a
currency in the transaction of business, but as
yet none have been seen here except a few
kept as pocket pieces by persons who purchased
them in New York at 5 percent premium. I employ
over one hundred persons, who have for months been
importuning me to pay them in gold dollars for
the ^{purpose} of getting them into circulation, accordingly
I sent a draft to Philadelphia for fifteen hundred
dollars, but was surprised to find that $\frac{1}{2}\%$ had
been paid for changing the Philadelphia paper money
into gold dollars. This change was made on the 26th
inst. And at that time the Philadelphia newspapers
told us that the Mint has suspended the coinage of gold
dollars, having \$100,000 on hand for distribution.
How is it possible for the coin to be kept up if the
demand is supplied. Will you be kind enough to
inform me if a direct application to the

Mint, with foreign coins. would be met in a short
time

It will doubtless please you to learn that my
business has been quite successful and that during
the dull season which has prevailed a large
portion of New England I have been overboard
with business. My health is quite good, and
Mr Tyler is better than former. Her foot still
pains her, but she can walk about here in the house
and a short distance in the street. She rides
continually. Remember you always with pleasure
and affection.

Very Respectfully I am yours

P. B. Tyler

New York 28 June 1849

Sir

On the 25th inst I forwarded per
Adams' Express a Box containing 1002 g 18 dwt
Gold as follows viz

220 g Super Feather Fine Gold to be assayed separately

200 g

200 "

100 "

55.5 dwt

44.13 "

105 "

400 g Gold in Bar to be assayed separately

} From various balances to be assayed
together

As I am anxious to make my return to
my California correspondent at as early a date
as possible and as the Crescent City sails from this
port on the 30th inst you will confer a favor
by ^{to inform me} return mail at what time I can receive the
Coin from the mint and as part of the amt
has been drawn against I should like to receive
it at the earliest possible date

To
Director U S Mint
Philadelphia Pa }

Yours respectfully
Jos Van Nostrand
271 Pearl Street

Union P. S. B. June 28, 1899

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 26th was postmarked the 25th, and was not received till the day. Your deposits of bullion were therefore received and registered, and the date cannot be changed. As it now stands you will still receive a portion of silver, but not so much as would have been given under the new tariff. What the difference will be we do not yet know. Every change of this kind must necessarily involve difficulties such as yours. However much they are to be regretted they cannot be avoided.

You are right in supposing that money is placed in our hands by the Government, by the provision which we are enabled to return the amounts of deposits before their actual earnings. This public fund is, however, liable to be withdrawn or reduced, at any time, by the Treasury Department. Unhappily such reduction has been made within a few days to the amount of more than \$400,000, - so far different at the present time to interrupt seriously our power of making prompt payment to our depositors. When you can be paid is more than I can now tell. Every caution is made to render this delay as short as possible. Our greatest difficulty arises from the necessity of paying the costs of silver from the bullion gold.

Yours truly,
E. M. P.

John L. Caspary, Esq.

New York

Philad^a June 27. 1849

My Dear Sir,

The author of the enclosed letter is
one of the most respectable merchants of New York and
a friend of mine. Mr. Davis when he introduced him
is I have no doubt a gentleman of character. If you can
aid

Truly y^rs

William B. Reed

L. Patterson

We understand that by a new regulation which has been adopted at the Mint, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Treasury, and which is to take effect ^{on} ~~from~~ and after the first ~~day~~ of July, gold ^{combined} alloyed with silver will be parted at such rates as will yield an increased return to depositors. The California gold, for example, ~~will~~ will generally pay about a half of one per cent. more ^{than} heretofore; ~~and~~ the return upon pale doubloons, ^{Bechtler's coins,} and most of the gold of North Carolina, will be somewhat greater.

Private, U.S. M. Phil. June 26/49

Friend,
The enclosed article is important in its influence upon the bullion trade, I send it for publication in your valuable paper, if you think proper. Sign my name merely, and an assurance to you of the authenticity of the communication.
Yours, R. M. P.

Edw. Dickinson
Phil.
N. Y. Commonwe.
New York

Private, U.S. M. Phil. June 26/49

Friend, Please to give insertion to the article which I send herewith. It is authentic but I do not wish it to be introduced as an official document. When I submitted it for your paper for the Mint, I asked that it should be sent from the beginning; so that the first two numbers are still due to us. We wish to keep it in file.

Edw. Dickinson }
Washington }
R. M. P.

Dear Sir

New York 26th June 1849

My dear Sir

I yesterday sent to the
Mint under charge of Mr. Peter Linder to
some gold which was received from California
by the Steam Packet Co. for the purpose of
having it coined. As the amount is considerable
and the item of interest an object, I naturally
desire to have the proceeds of value as soon as
may be. I am told that some discussion has
been lodged with you to furnish coin on account
of deposits of Gold & in advance of the actual
coming of the gold itself, and if such be the case
and the Mint has an abundance of coin on
hand - perhaps you may give them the benefit
of the same. On the other hand a friend of
mine from Washington informs me that it is
the purpose of Government to make a material
reduction in their charge for melting and assaying

California gold - if this change is to be made
within a short period I should certainly like
to have the benefit under the gold in question -

I may perhaps think that my "Kings Cuts"
both ways - that I want the value of the gold
in coin now, to save interest - and on the other
hand desire the benefit to be derived from
delay in refining it until the new regulation, if
there be any, goes into effect - The fact is that
I should like any advantages, which it is proper
and right I should have - and no other - &
I shall esteem it a favor if you can consistently
with your duties retain our Gold for the benefit
of the new regulations - and as to the matter
of a payment on account meanwhile - that
of course is subject to the rules of the Mint.

May I hope for a line from you with an
intimation when these funds can be made
available.

Excuse the annoyance I cause you,
and always freely command me in return.
Yours truly
W R M Patterson Esq. ^{Director of the Mint.} Very truly yours Geo. L. Sigsbee

Mr. Patterson Esq New York June 26th

We have sent
to you to day by Steamers express
a Box of Gold Dust consisting
W.H.D.V. Cons 1 Can 170 Oz

5 Cans 1250 "

2 Cans 380 "

1 Pkg 36 1/4 "

1816 1/4 Oz Total

this belongs to Mr. H. Patterson Esq
of Boston & we shall be obliged
if you will send us a statement
of the result as soon as it is
ascertained

Yours very truly

A. H. H. H.

Mayor, Office of the
Edward Spangas Esq
at U. S. Mint Near Sir

The Board
Mr George Waller with some friends
from the Country desirous of beholding
the interior of the Mint have requested
of me the line - Mr Waller I am
well acquainted with and respectfully
ask for him and friends those admissions
which are given to visitors generally

With much respect
Yours &c
Wm Walling
Chief of Police

289.12
288.88
578.00

Merchants Bank
Boston June 25. 1849

Sir, Messrs Adams & Co Express Agents will
deposit in my account a parcel of about
five hundred ounces California Grain gold
for coinage. I will thank you to issue a
Certificate for the value of said gold and
deliver the coin when prepared to Adams & Co
to be transmitted to this Bank.

I am Sir

Very respectfully
John J. May (att.)

A. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

New York June 25th 1849.

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint of the United States

Philadelphia
Pa

Beauti.

Dear Sir. We have to acknowledge your favor of 23rd inst
enclosing a memorandum of the value of the gold
deposited by order of Lieut St Beale - through Mr John
Hagley & for which we are obliged

We have now to advise that we this day forward to
you per Livingston's Express - the following packages
of Gold dust - viz

One paper parcel said to contain 145. oz.

One Box ————— 994 oz

in the packages one of 744.
" " " 250. }

Mr Boxer said to contain — 2700 oz.

together = 3839.03-

It is the wish of our constituents to have
separate valuations of the different parcels.

say one for 145. oz

One pr. 744. do.

One for 250 - do

One for 2700 - do

and we shall be obliged by your sending us the

the necessary memorandum, excusing the
trouble - please also to advise us of the
receipt of these different packages -
If possible we should like to receive return
for this specie by the 30th - in order that
we may communicate the result per steamer
leaving here on that day - packages -

It may be that the Box containing
994 oz. is not divided as it should be into
two parcels of 744 & 250 = and in that case
we cannot expect any other return valuation
than for the whole 994 oz.

Awaiting your reply we remain
Yours truly
James H. King & Sons

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, June 23d, 1849.

Gentlemen,

The deposit to which you refer in your letter, of yesterday, was made at the Mint yesterday, in ^{the} name of the order of Lieut. Edward F. Beale, ^{in trust by the order of the U.S. Treasury} to your firm. We will send to you a receipt and receipt for the same, ^{and a receipt for the same} as soon as possible.

The gold was brought to the Mint, by Lieut. Beale, three or four days ago, and was left with the Treasurer for safekeeping, but was not deposited for coinage.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

R. W. Patterson,

Director.

James G. King & Sons,
New York.

Honble W. B. Reed,
Philad.

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of introducing to you
as acquaintance my friend W. H. R. David who visits
N. Y. for the purpose of obtaining orders for Grain,
shot or any other kind of bags & now that the Country
(over shipped) has every reason to expect large quantities
of California Gold, he thinks that at the meeting of
N. Y. they will have to use large quantities of small bags -
as these are made by a newly invented machine, they can
be afforded at less price, he is therefore desirous of
obtaining an introduction to the person who has charge of
that department & have thought that you would be enough
to favor him with a line - it would be much obliged.

Yours very respectfully

C. R. R. R.

New York 23. June 1849.

Wm Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir Referring to our respects of yesterday
we have now to advise that we have today
received from Mr John Maglee Jr of Phil^a
a mint receipt for the gold referred to by us
and we have forwarded it to Mess Thomas
Biddler & Co for collection -

Regretting that we should have put you
to unnecessary trouble - which however
from the tenor of Lieut Beale's letter we
could not well help incurring I am very

Yours truly
James Livingston
New York June 23rd 1849

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint Philadelphia
New York June 20 1849

Dear Sir

We are this moment in receipt of a letter from Lieut Edward B. Reale U. S. A. dated Chester June 21st 1849. in which he advises us that he has deposited some gold (which he had brought from California for us) in the Mint at Philadelphia - and adds.

They would give me no receipt for it -

As the drafts drawn against this deposit are now being presented - and cannot be paid until we know the value of the gold we shall be obliged by your sending us a receipt for the equivalent - with a statement of the weight, value - &c -

And oblige yourself respectfully
James B. Thompson.

War Department,
Washington June 21. 1869

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 20th instant
and approve the estimate therein submitted for
the expenses of the medal voted to General Taylor
independent of the work of the artist, amounting
to Six Hundred and nine Dollars

Very respectfully
Yours Obedt. Servt.

Wm. B. Brown
Secretary of War

D^r R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia P^a

Albany, N.Y. June 20, 1869.

Gentlemen,

On the receipt of your letter of yesterday, I made immediate inquiry as to the mistake in which you think that error may have occurred. Some inquiries were made by the different persons, and with the following results.

H & Co., 150 N. 1st St.	618.75	Wm. H. H. Co., 150 N. 1st St.	618.75	Wm. H. H. Co., 150 N. 1st St.	618.75
H. " 150 N. 1st St.	618.75	H. " 150 N. 1st St.	618.75	H. " 150 N. 1st St.	618.75
	<u>618.75</u>		<u>618.75</u>		<u>618.75</u>

The evidence convinces me that the error must lie in the bill of lading, and I hope that it will also satisfy you.

R. M. P.

Messrs. E. H. H. Co. Sec. 1
New York C. 1

San Francisco Califa.

June 14 1844

Sir
Major Jas. C. Mangue
U. S. Army will deposit under
thousand dollars (\$12000) in
gold dust at \$16 the ounce
by, at the Philadelphia Mint
for coinage. This gold will be
deposited to my credit but sent
to the order of Henry Menden Esq
of Boston, which order will be
accompanied by a duplicate
copy of this letter with my signature.

I am Sir Respectfully
Yours &c &c &c

J. J. Salmon
James Ross Snowden
Treasurer of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

at New York 19 June 1849

Wm. Patterson Esq
Treasurer of the U. S. Mint Phila

Sir.

On the 18th inst. we forwarded to you
by Livingston & Co's Express, three sealed bags of
Gold Dust $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 624 \text{ ounces} \\ 410 \text{ } 48 \frac{3}{4} \\ 4 \text{ } 180 \end{array} \right. \text{ for Andrew Gregg \& Co}$
 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 618 \frac{3}{4} \text{ ounces} \\ \text{for Harrison \& Co} \end{array} \right.$

This day we received by same conveyance Receipts
signed Ed Sprague for the Treasurer

One for Sixty two ⁴⁹ 100 ~~100~~ Ounces Andrew Gregg
(ought to have been Andrew Gregg & Co)

the other for Six hundred and Sixteen ⁴⁹ 100 ~~100~~ Ounces
for Harrison & Co

The weight of the first bag is corresponding with bill of lading
but the weight of the two bags is not, being short
two ounces as you will please to perceive by
comparing with above contents of A. S. as it ought
to be six hundred eighteen $\frac{3}{4}$ ounces and we are
inclined to believe, an error of the purveyor have
occurred, and therefore beg to request you to
examine this matter and to hand us a reply
as soon as convenient

Wm C

We should have preferred to receive the
separate weight of each Bag, say

H & C: 468 $\frac{3}{4}$

H — 150 —

By attending to our request
You will much oblige
Sir,

Yours Atknt
Thos. E. Harrison Esq
J. P. Schumpert atty

Col Crowder
Philada
Dofin,

New York 19 June 1849

I hand herewith eight
ounce Gold Bull which please receive
and return the proceeds to one Goldens
East Express

Respy
Mo. S. Hazen
109 Wall St

Mail paid

New York 13 June 1879

The Director of the U.S. Mint
at Phila,

Will please return of the parcel
of gold dust forwarded yesterday thro'
Messrs Adams & Co for the undersigned
— say two hundred Dollars of the
Amount in gold Dollars —

Yr oblige friend

Benjamin L. H.

We hope you will be able to
furnish return within a week for
this

United States Bank

Philadelphia, June 12, 1849

Dr. To SIMON MUDGE,
No. 240, High Street.
—Office, No. 11, South Eleventh St.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES FOR MIDDLE WARD, FOR 1849

	RATES.	COUNTY. cts per \$100	STATE cts per \$100	POOR cts per \$100	TOTAL.
Estate on Chestnut-st pumper & House Dr	40000	40000	24000	14400	\$78400

Received Payment in full.

Collector.

Private

Wash. D. C. Phil. June 11, 1887

Caro,

Your note of the 8th inst. came to my office this morning,
and I enclose it by the statement which I send enclosed. I
have added a paragraph regarding the coinage of gold dollars,
a subject which has been much misunderstood and misrepresen-
ted.

I have ventured to present my statements in the form of an
abstract, as I have to request that my name be not made use
of.

R. M. P.

Miss Gregory & Co. Encl.
Enclure Office
N. York

California Gold and Gold dollars.

On inquiry made at the mint in Philadelphia, we ~~are~~ learn that the value of California gold, received there to the 9th inst., is \$362,792. We also learn that the coinage of gold-dollar pieces, which began on the 7th ult., has reached to the number 315,700; and that it exceeds, by ^{nearly} ~~about~~ 69,000, the demand made by depositors.

Tribune Office
New York June 11/77

Dear Sir

Will you be kind
enough to send us a statement
of the amount of gold
deposited in the mint
received from California

Yours truly

Greely & McElhenny

29-660295

Minist of the United States.
Philadelphia Jan 7th, 1869.

Sir,

On the 7th of May, (one month ago,) the first gold-silver dies were finished. On the day following, the Chief Coiner made a delivery to the Treasury of 1000 of the coins. Subsequent deliveries, up to this time, have reached to the number 256,059; and we have now on hand 20,750 more than are due to our Depositors.

The only serious delay source of delay in the coinage arises from the fact that every blank piece on a planchet has to be separately weighed: if too light, to be rejected, and if too heavy to be filed down to the standard weight. In this tedious operation nine men were employed from early morning till 7 o'clock in the evening; and we are providing for a larger force if it shall prove necessary.

I make this communication in confidence that it will satisfy you that we have met every obstacle to supply the legitimate demand made for this new coin, and that we have succeeded.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

Wm. W. Meredith,
Secretary of the Treasury.

R. M. Patterson,
Director.

363,789
1,050,000 ✓
686,211
Clea 171,553
1/4
\$414,658 to be paid
#

For dep. 521,115.30
due H. F. B. 127,701.00
due sundry firms 672,854.38
\$1,321,670.68

to be paid 414,670.68

Gold 700,000 707,000.-
Silver 200,000 171,155.50
500,000

226,000
274

- 1 The amount of Gold Depos before the last draft of \$100,000
- 2 The present amount of these drafts.
- 3 The amount of foreign coins given to the Mint for re-coinage and now unpaid.
- 4 The present amount of private deposits unpaid - including such as must be reported by estimates.
- 5 The amount of the inter-agency partying. \$10,798

1. \$ 821,115.30

2. $\begin{array}{r} 300,000.- \\ 116,665.30 \\ \hline \text{ded. } 416,665.30 \end{array}$ during fund. paid
June 28. unpaid
Balance 410,000.00

3. $\begin{array}{r} 101,847.56 \\ 127,701.00 \\ \hline \end{array}$ due G.R.S. aft. then U.S.
due H.B. aft. Boston
\$229,548.56

4. 565,942.24 Gold depts. reported and unpaid
 $\begin{array}{r} \text{Ounces dec. } 18,266.24 \\ @ \$18.10 \\ \hline 328,792.32 \end{array}$ do not reported " "
 $\begin{array}{r} 894,734.56 \\ \hline \end{array}$
 ded. No. 3. 229,548.56
\$665,186.00 due private depositors in gold
7668.38 due do do in silver
Total \$672,854.38

Mint U.S.

August 1, 1869.

Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge ^{the receipt of} your letter of the
29th ult., approving of the tariff of charges ~~as submitted~~
in duplicate at the Mint, ~~but before~~ ^{in your communication,} referred to
you in my letter of the 22nd.

I now respectfully propose that this tariff shall
go into action from the beginning of July next. This
change is justified, as I shall, by the
propriety of time being allowed for all the Mints to
act under the new tariff ^{together} ~~at the same time~~, and for
avoiding the trouble of mixing two systems in our present quar-
terly account.

R. D. P.

It also seems proper that ^{timely} public notice should
be given of a change in the Mint Charges that will
so materially affect ^{the payment of} many of the deposits.

Wm. W. Woodruff,
Secretary of the Treasury.

R. D. P.

Sir

From Mrs. L. Aspinwall, Esq.
New York
Jan 4, 1849.

Ms. B. 1. 2.

New York 4th Jan 1849

My dear Sir.

I am under many
obligations for your very kind
and prompt reply to my
inquiries relative to California
gold. the results of your
experiments, and the actual
yield of this considerable
quantity of gold already secured
at the mine, are both
interesting and satisfactory.

During the month we shall
have some 4000 to 6000 acres
to come under your good care
and I hope it may be found
to yield as well as the previous
parcels to which you allude.

With the hope that
you may afford me the
opportunity of reciprocating
your kindness,

Believe me to be

Very truly yours,

Rich^d L. Stephenson

To R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U. S. Mint.

E. LMP

Treasury Department
June 5. 1869.

Sir

The Treasurer of the U. States has
this day been instructed to give his transfer draft
in favor of the As. Treasurer at Philadelphia on the
As. Treasurer at N. York for \$200,000 payable in
gold coins - for the purpose of buying silver coins.

The suggestions contained in your letter of the 1st inst.
that the tariff of charges on deposits at the Mint for
coinage, referred to, shall go into operation from the
beginning of July next, is approved.

I am very Resp.

W. D. Mitchell
Sec. of the Treasury.

D. W. M. Patterson -
Director of the Mint -
Philad^a.

Wash D.C., June 1, 1869.

Dear Sir,
In answer to the inquiries made in your letter of the 30th ult.,
I present the following statement.

The average fineness of the California gold
rec'd up to this date (about 20,000 ozs.) is 892
thousandths. It proves to be quite variable in
parcels, ranging ^{at the widest} from 875 to 910, but most
usually from 888 to 898. ~~It is~~ We notice a much
greater ^{variation} ~~unsteadiness~~ in the individual grains;
a single lump, weighing near 9 ozs. & the largest
yet noticed, resulted 923 fine.

We have not been able to fasten any char-
acteristic differences, either in respect to geographical
localities, or ~~in~~ the two kinds of diggings, known
as the "wet" and "dry." We ~~rather~~ incline to the
belief that the gold ~~of the~~ from the bed or margin
of the rivers (wet diggings) is rather finer than the
other, but mainly because it occurs in ~~for~~ smaller
& flatter particles. - We were much interested in the
trial of several samples bro't by an intelligent
gentleman in the naval service. The first, from the
Sacramento region, but of the dry diggings, gave 895 fine;

the second, 'from Yerba river,' 896½; the third 'from Stanislaus river, tributary of the Joaquin,' 896. Two of these locations are several hundred miles apart, and yet there is no characteristic difference in the fineness of the gold. - An assay of gold from the Mormons, sent overland, yielded 895 fine.

It must be observed, that these assays are of the gold after melting. It comes to us in quite a clean condition, almost invariably; yet there is always earthy matter or dirt enough to make an average loss ^{of weight} in melting, of 2½ per cent. The loss has hitherto been quite steady; always between 2 & 3 per cent.

The alleged weights ~~of~~ deposits correspond well enough with the weighings at the Mint; in fact ~~they~~ we generally find ^{make} the weight a little over the invoice statements.

On the whole, so far as our assays go, it seems California gold is worth, per ounce before melting, from \$17.70 to \$18.40; and is fairly enough averaged at \$18.

Very truly yours,

H. M. Patterson.

John A. Stephens, Esq.,
New York.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
July 27th 1849.

Sir,

Your accounts of Ordinary Expenses
of the Mint, for the Second quarter of
1849, have been adjusted at the Treasury,
and a balance stated to be from you, to the
United States, of \$9,586 ³²/₁₀₀, which agrees
with your statement.

Very respectfully
Elisha Whittelsey
Comptroller.

To
James Ross Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Mint.
Philadelphia

Unit U. S. Philad. July 27/49

Dear Sir,

The mineral sent, in your letter of the 23^d
inst, is nothing more than that old decussate, Iron Pyrites.
If you expose it to a red heat you will find it gives
out a fume of sulphur

Rm. P.

Lorenzo Tibert

Woodstock, Va

Office of the Assistant Treasurer,
New York, July 28th 1849.

Sir,

Your letter of yesterday, acknowl-
edging the receipt of proceeds of Draft
\$131,500, is received and its receipt ac-
knowledged to correct an error. The
amount was \$131, 150, not 500.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.,

John King

To Wm. C. Dutcher,
Acting Treasurer,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

New York, 28 July 1849

Sir,

I am requested by a friend to have
some silver coined into dimes, say about
\$ 1500. Please inform me, if you can let
me have this privilege, and what time
will be required for the operation

I remain, Respectfully yours,

Edmund

77 South St

late of

Edmund

To the Treasurer
of the U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

25. *Nov* 1849.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James R. Shawson Esq
Appt Secy

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it; should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses.

W. C. Mint,
Philad^a July 30th 1849.

Sir,

I have your letter of the
28th inst.

I can furnish you \$1500
in dimes, the amount you desire,
in two or three days after receiving
from you foreign silver ^{or bullion} for that purpose.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obedt Serv^t

Geo. W. Edelman
for James Ros, Snowden
Treasurer.

To C. Durand
77 South 4th Street
1745

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, July 7th, 1849.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, and it gives me pain to repeat ^{again} that I cannot see any and after fully considering the case which you present, I cannot see any answer that can further be made by which deposits made and registered before the 1st of July, can be put under the conditions of a tariff that will not go into effect until that date.

The Treasury Department has ^{the day} given ~~no~~ draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, for \$300,000, in foreign gold coins; and as this gold does not require paying its own seigniorage will be soon accomplished, and your payment made.

Very sincerely yours,
R. M. P.

To/

John L. Spooner, Esq.
New York.

New York July 7th 1869

Wm. R. M. Tallam

Director U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst. enclosing draft for one thousand dollars from the Treasury department payable at the Assistant Secretary's Office New York. I must thank you for your kind and prompt attention, & for the gratifying intelligence that you caused the medal to be struck on the 4th of July with entire success. I shall be much obliged to Mr. Pele also for his kindness.

I have now tasked my powers by to clear applications on the medal for G. Scott, & must lay by for a few days. I have the whole laid in & partly brought up & shall endeavor to meet the time I promised you, say 20th this month.

I have acknowledged the receipt of draft to the Treasury department as directed & this acknowledges the receipt to you.

I have the honor to be
most respectfully yours
Edw. Wright

(Confidential)

New York 6th July 1849

My dear Sir

A press of occupation has prevented me from thanking you at an earlier date for your prompt answer to my enquiries relative to California Gold. It strikes me that the Government do not take a liberal stand, in refusing to the recent depositors of Gold, the advantages to be derived from the action of the new tariff - particularly as the Mint was not in a position, to make the assays until after the New Tariff went into operation - & as no notice was given to the public by which they could be enabled in disposing of the considerable amount of treasure received by the Treasury City, and sent to the Mint only a very few days prior to the 1st July. It would seem that the date of assay, and not of deposit, should govern the Case - Upon a proper representation, I think that Mr. Wendell

would see the nature of the position I assume,
as it can hardly be the object of the Encumbrance
to avail of the Circumstances in question, to deprive
depositors of California gold of an advantage they
could have secured, had the proposed change been
made public only a few days prior to its operation.
If there be no objection, I will call the attention
of the Secretary to the matter - and if within
the range of your duty, perhaps a line from you
to him would help the matter.

I have already sent
some of the assays of our Gold gulden about
4176 the ounce at the Mint - and I hope the
Coin can soon be made available. I am aware that
you have spared no exertion in giving dispatch.
Very truly yours &c
Wm L. Stephenson

To R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Statement of the result of the Gold and Silver Bullion Sweeps, credited the late Melter & Refiner, in final settlement of his accounts, 31st December 1848, subsequently transferred to his successor, from whom they were received for transmission to London, where they were sold, as per account sales of J. N. Johnson & Co. dated 6th July 1849.

1,765. 5 lbs. avo. of Gold Sweep, containing as per Assayer's Certificate, 387. ⁷⁰ gold in 5 oz. Troy = 71. 19 1/2, and 383 silver in 5 oz. Troy = 70. 45 Stand. Oz. less deduction for smelting, \$7. 57. 00. per 100 lbs. towards which appropriate the Silver, leaving \$50. ³⁰ 700. to come from the gold = 2. 70. 50. Stand. Oz. leaving net in gold, 68. 438 Stand. Oz. = \$1,274. 19
14,924 lbs. avo. of Silver Sweep, containing as per Assayer's Certificate 1292. silver in 5 oz. Troy, = 2,009. 16 St. Oz. less deduction for smelting \$7. 57. 00. per 100 lbs. = 961. 90 St. Oz. leaving net 1,047. 26. Stand. Oz. = 1,218. 63
Net proceeds of the Sweep in London \$426. 4. 7
Stg. which yielded in U. S. Coins = 2,075. 17

showing a deficiency arising from the Sale of \$417. 65 which has been passed to the debit of Profit and Loss account in the Bullion Books.

The wastage on Silver Bullion allowed the late Melter & Refiner, in final settlement of his account, was near 40 per cent of full wastage, which with the addition of the deficiency arising from the Sale of the Sweep, as above specified, still brings his wastage considerably below the legal allowance.

Branch Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans.
Treasury's Office, Sept. 19. 1849.

John H. Thompson
Treasurer.

To—
Mr. B. J. Reed
Boston

U. S. Mint. Phila. Pa.
July 5, 1849.

Sir:— I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst., in which you make inquiry as to the delay of payment of the proceeds of your deposit for coinage made on the 14th ultimo.

I have made inquiry into the case and find that there is due \$600,000 unpaid on deposits prior to yours and that it may not be in our power to pay your claim upon us in less than two weeks.

Our delay arises principally from the circumstances that the "Californian" is to be submitted to the process of spreading the silver which is combined.

Faithfully
1st R. M. Patterson
Director

U. A. R. Ph. July 5, 1849

12,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst.,
- 1 - in relation to the ... of the ... of the ... of the ...
19th ...
In answer to your ... of the ... of the ... of the ...
... of the ... of the ... of the ... of the ...
... of the ... of the ... of the ... of the ...
... of the ... of the ... of the ... of the ...
1848.

Yours truly,

B. P. Reed,
Boston

W. S. Mint. Phila. Pa.

July 5, 1869.

To -
A. C. King & Sons
New York

Gentlemen:-

I send enclosed a memorandum of the
proceeds of your deposit made on the 27th ultimus.
I find that there is due \$670,000 unpaid on deposits
prior to yours. I have now on hand in gold coins
about \$100,000.

As nearly all the gold recently received,
including yours, requires to be submitted
to the process of parting, your payment will
necessarily be delayed between two and three
weeks longer, according to the estimate
presented to me by the Melters and Refiners.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant
R. M. Patterson
Director

M. M. P. Phil^a July 5, 1849

[illegible]

Ed J. G. King Esq
New York

Boston July 2. 1849

Wm Patterson Esq
Care of

I am obliged for your
circular of new charges of coinage at the
mint. which it appears to me are reasonable.
but my object in addressing you is to ask
if the coin can not be manufactured &
returned without so great delay, as is now
required. Three weeks since I forwarded 32
ounces of gold dust, or on 25th June 375 ounces.
for the former I have Mr Edelmanns Certificate
of melting & value dated 14th July from
which it appears that it was melted & its
value \$13,563.00 ascertained without any delay.
but my agent informs me that he is
not able to obtain the proceeds -

The interest for detention is much more
than the cost of coining.

Yours Truly
Wm Reed

EC:MP

Treasury Department
July 5. 1849.

Sir

Your communication dated the 29th ult. was duly received and I have to inform you that the Treasurer has been, this day, instructed to issue two transfer drafts on the Assistant Treasurer at N. York in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for \$150,000 each payable in foreign gold coin -

The amount to be transferred under your instruction as heretofore for recoinage at the Mint.

I enclose an application for the temporary suspension of the operations of the Branch Mint at Charlotte and will thank you for your views in relation to it.

I am very Resp^l.

W. L. Stearns

Sec. of the Treasury

D. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint -

To the Director of the
U.S. Mint at Phil^a

Boston, July 2^d 1849.

Dear Sir

Ref. Adams & Co. this day
forward you 5 Bare Silver amounting per Invoice, copy of
which is enclosed, to \$12,242.00 say to Twelve thousand two
hundred forty two Dollars which I should be pleased to
have you assay & advise me as soon as practicable of
the nett proceeds when I will write you further relative
to the disposition of same.

Most Respectfully

Yr. Obedt. Servt.

Wm. V. Goddard
per Philip Ewing

Invoiced

5 Bars Silver ref.		Gross weight		Say - Sifted -	
marked bar					
3	1101	239.71	ounce	996	96
"	3	239.92	"	"	96
"	11	265.29	"	997	79
"	7	245.58	"	996	95
"	20	253.53	"	"	101
		1243.85			470
Sifted		11.70			

1239.15 Mark @ 97/87

12236.44

Charge at Val.

5.4

£468

\$12,242.04

Valparaiso 11 April 1849

Sig. Alsep. 1849.

The above Invoice of 5 Bars Silver sent by Wm. C. Adams
for Adams Express to the US Mint at Philadelphia & is
received & will please pay to his order.

Weight ap. 9203.00

Balti July 31. 1849 -

Dear Sir -

Although I have not the pleasure
of being personally acquainted with you I
take the liberty of requesting some information
which I am assured that you can readily give.
You will much oblige me, if you will tell
me the several alterations which have been
made by Acts of Congress with regard to our
Gold & Silver Coins ~~and~~ including particularly
the ^{weight} of the first "Gold Eagle" coined -
its weight in pure gold and its alloy as
directed by act of Congress; the alterations
since made in its weight and alloy - The same
with respect to Silver - If this should be too
much trouble please inform of the First Gold
bill & the present showing the weight alloy,
and the same of Silver - I also wish to know
what the weight &c of the "Round Sterling"
was at the time of the Coinage of the First or
Old Eagle - or what it was considered to be
by Congress so as to make the value of the Round
Sterling at that time $\$4\frac{1}{4}$ -
If you will present me with the above
information of the weight &c &c in order
to enable me to make some calculations I
will be much indebted to you -

Please write as early
as possible -

Very Respect^{ly} Yrs

J. T. Tucker
Esq. Presid. Baltimore.

Washington July 28/49

Dear Sir

I sent by the train
R Johnson A.C. Lind. to
Phila. a small bag of
California Gold - He stops
at the United States Hotel -

Will you do me the favor
to send a messenger to his
lodgings Saturday Morn-
ing at 10 O'clock with a
line from yourself & he
will send it you -

Please place its value to
my credit in the trust &
acknowledge

I am very Respectfully
Yours

T. Erving

Dear Mr Patterson
U.S. Marine Phila

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst.

and in reply to inform you that
the same has been forwarded to the proper
authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.

Very truly,
T. Erving

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Recd. Aug. 21.
J. W. Erving Esq.
Secretary of the Marine
July 31, 1849

Treasurer's Office
Boston July 30. 1879

I send to day per ship
Adams's Lt. in foreign gold — \$61,568.³⁴/₁₀₀
for which please return twenty thousand gold
dollars & the remainder in double eagles if possible,
if not, in Eagles —

I also send in foreign silver \$1,020.
for which please return silver dollars —

I am Sir

Very Respectfully

Wm. M. Howard Esq.
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Franklin Haven
Asst. Treasr.

61,568.34

11,300.00

62,568.34

Dept of the Interior,
Office Indian Affairs
July 26th 1849

Sir,

I have the honor to request that
you will communicate to this office any
information you may possess in relation to
the progress of the execution of the Indian medals.
It is desirable they should be completed as
early as possible.

Very respectfully
Wm. H. W.
Orlando Brown

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Office of the Assistant Treasurer

New York July 26th 1869

To William D. Lusk
Acting Treasurer of the Mint

Treasury Transfer
Draft No. 131, 150.00. Endorsed by Genl.
Has been paid upon your order to Adams & Co
this day.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Yours Wm Young

Minist of the United States
Philadelphia, July 26, 1849

My dear Sir,

I send subjoined a copy of a letter
received this morning from Mr. Pearce. "~~Edi-
dens forentes~~" I know that, under the circumstances,
you will refuse the gift. For my own part, I
look upon it as a pretty attempt at pretty bribery.
Please to let me know what course you mean to take in
the case. "~~Edi- dens forentes~~" Mr. Bailey was
here yesterday, and made assertions ^{regarding} the sale of
copper coins ⁱⁿ at New York, which, if proved, would
put a stop to our intercourse with Mr. Pearce. I
confess that his letter to you increases my suspicions
of him.

from the Treas. of the U.S.,
We received yesterday, a transfer draft in your favor
for \$121,150, on the Adm. Treasurer ~~Edw. D. Smith~~ at New York, for \$121,150,
payable in foreign gold coins. — It was endorsed to the
Order of Adams & Co., by Mr. E. D. Smith, as Acting Treasurer
of the Mint.

All is going on much at the Mint as usual. We are
paying ^{our} deposits up to the 11th of July, and \$150,000 will
pay the remainder about the 1st of the present day.

Very respectfully study you
from friend &c.

P. M. D.

Quincy

Gen. Ross Snowden Esq
Inspector of the U. S. Customs

I have copy of the Standard letter of July 24. I

Mr. S. M. C.

Philad^a July 25, 1849.

Sir, I have placed in the hands
of Messrs. Adams & Co. for collection
treasury transfer drafts, worth, for
\$131,150 in favor of the Treasurer
of the Mint, on the Ass^t Treasurer
of the U. S. at N. York, payable in
foreign gold coin.

Very respectfully
Yours &c. &c.

(signed) Wm. C. Caldwell
Chief Clerk

Wm. Young Esq.
Care Am. M^t
N. Y. C.

Mont Vt. Otha July 25, 1849.

Sir,

The specimens which you have sent for our examination are of a character perfectly familiar to us, and frequently mistaken for ores of gold and silver. The bright spangles in the sand-stone are of quartz, - a common mineral, of no value in that form. The gold-like points in the slate-coek are of Iron Pyrites or Sulphuret of Iron, - a mineral frequently sent to us as gold ore, - but really a very common substance, of no practical value.

Yours very faithfully,

R. M. P.

S.

Mr. Abraham Dellinger,
Columbian-Furnace P.O.
Shenandoah, Va.

M. J. Munie,
Philad^a July 25, 1849.

Sir, I have rec^d your letter
of the 24th inst, enclosing to me
transfer draft N. Y. in my favor
on the Assⁿ of Am^{er} Bank, ac^o N. Y. City
for \$134,150, payable in foreign gold
coins.

I will adopt the usual
mode, perhaps oldest & Co of having
it brought to the N. Y. office when
rec^d, will place the amount to
your credit in Wall St.

Very res^{pe}
Yours obt^l serv^t

(Signed) Wm. C. Sullivan
Asst. Treas.
U. S. Dept.

Wm. C. Sullivan
Asst. Treas.

Treasury of the U.S.
29 July 1849

Treasurer of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia,
Sir

Enclosed I hand you
Transfer draft N^o 4 in your favor on the Asst.
Treasurer U.S. New York for \$131,150. payable
in foreign gold coins, which you will please pass
to my credit on Fullin account

Respectfully
yours &c. &c.
Wm. S. Selden
Treas. U.S.

Franklin Fairbanks July 23 1847

W. H. Patterson Esq
Duxbury
Mass
Philadelphias
Office

Really I must offer an apology
for troubling you so frequently with my communications
containing Mineral specimens. My apology is that
we reside in a Mineral region and are somewhat afflicted
with the Californian Mineral.

This beautiful Mineral specimen is from the neighborhood of the Blue Ridge and is set in black lead or Graphite. If it is worth nothing more than its beauty it is a very exceptional Mineral. In the vicinity of the mine where this specimen is from there is a large amount of Copper ~~mineral~~ (Native) impregnated in the crevices of the rocks — and as the Blue Ridge approximates to what our Mineralogists term the primitive formation it is not much to be wondered at that we expect to find some of the precious Metals in that Mountain.

If this turns out to be nothing more than a sulphuret of iron
I shall do pain & send the present. I make no business searches for the
precious Metals but when ever a mineral crosses my path I
cannot pass it by without some notice which invariably increases my
desire to know what it contains - I think the specimen enclosed
contains salifer of this you will soon determine. With Mrs and much
affection your friend & humble servant
Henry Steel

P 8

1881 22nd August 1881

I hope this specimen is large enough to be properly

Good night

With all respects

Yours faithfully

W. H. D.

Yours very truly

W. H. D.

Grand Teton Park
Bannock July 23. 1889

Mr. Ballou &

Secretary U.S. Mint Wash.

Dear Sir

I have two pieces of
Gold Bullion by the favor that the proceeds may
be returned to me in Gold Dollars. If however
Mr. Hounsey cannot wait till the Bullion can be
consigned, he please to send me by mail the usual
Certificate of its value &c.

Very
Wm. H. Hester

Mint U. S.

Philad^a July 21/49

Sir,

The specimen A which you sent in your letter of yesterday presents no sign of containing any of the precious metals, and its real character cannot be positively declared without submitting it to an analysis, an operation which we have not leisure to undertake, and which ~~forms~~ makes no part of our mint operations.

The specimen B is iron pyrites in one of its most ordinary forms.

We have had but little opportunity of seeing the matrix of California gold. What we have seen is principally quartz. The gold dust is composed of gold and silver, almost exclusively.

Yours very respectfully

R. U. Patterson

Lorenzo Sitart

Dr W. H. Murray July 20 1847

W. H. Murray Esq
Sir

I enclose a specimen of
Manganese which contains a Mineral that I cannot
exactly make out - I have submitted it to the action
of Nitric Acid also regia &c I have no difficulty in
detecting a large per cent of Manganese the mineral that is
set in & spangles in the base of Manganese I have been unable to
determine. It may be Platinum or some other mineral of value
I will take it as a special favour if you will have it carefully
tested as soon as your convenience will allow & let me hear
your attention to this will much oblige you

I send in other specimens
marked (13)

Yours
Lorenz Liebert

Q 57

You will be so kind as to inform me what is
the character of the Matrix accompanying the pale fawn
Gold if it is Amalgamated with other Metals or not or if it
is found in a state of combination with ~~other~~ elements of our
D. I have not yet seen anything satisfactory as to
regarding the Mineral constitution or character of the Gold

L L

U. S. Ph. July 20/49

Genl,

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have the
satisfaction of saying that your deposit is just received,
and will be paid on your application for the pro-
ceeds.

Y
Y

Rm P.

James G. King & Son

cc

New York.

Office of the Mercantile Mutual
Insurance Company.

33 Wall St

New York City N.Y. 22. 1844

Dr. T. T. T. T.
Printer of the Herald
Philadelphia

Sir

This Company have
sent this day of May 22. 1844
to your office 2 packages gold
dust marked as follows N. A. and
N. A. which you will please have
assayed and convert into American Gold Coins
for their use

Respectfully

Yr. obt. servt

Chas. H. H. H.

Secy.

New York July 19. 1849
R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Pa

for

We have to request the favor of
you informing us at what time the Gold Bullion
you hold for our account will be ready for delivery
in order that we may forward the receipt.

Yours Respectfully
Samuel H. Kingdon

Shennandoeh County Va Columbia Furnace to the
Superintendent of the United States mint I will inform you
that I would like for you to let me knowe what for
mettle this is in this ore wether it will bea for anney
Salve or not I want you to take it threw a good Examin
ation if it is anney Mettle it will bea the gratest mine
that has been discoverit yet in america there is about
Sevin acres big a plaise Arount that it has been discoverit
on it and it is a gradual richer in the ground then
on top but wea could not dig on account of it beeing
found out I want no one to knowe it till I knowe what
it may bea and I wante you to trye this in the sand rock
and let me knowe as soon as you can what it may bea
and in the blue rock, also Likewise let me knowe
if it is something worths wile wea will work it and
you shall have your shair of it wea have triet it
withs all the asets wea knowe but it will cut the
the sand away and leaver the mettle if it is anney thing
worths wile wea will work it out and sende it to you
and you will work it into what it will make for I
doe believe it is golde or silver I wante you to trye
your hande at it it is but little but if you can only discaver
what it may bea then wea will trye to furnish you a nough
of it to work on no more at pressant but you to sente
me a trewe anser back what it is or will bea send the
anser to Columbia Furnace ^{Post office} Shennandoeh County Va
Julye the 18 1849

Yours withs respects
Asalam Dellinger

Mint of the United States.

Philad. July 16, 1849

Sir,

I received this morning your letter of the 13. inst. and in compliance with the request contained therein I forward to day, per Mr. Adams & Co. the balance due your office, being deposits made by Henry Shilland Esq. former Asst. Treasurer, the statement of which is as follows.

Amount of gold sent to Mint \$ 127,301

" " returned by tale 400.

\$ 127,701.00

Paid on acct. gold \$ 50,000.

Carrying over the
mint balance of the deposits 397.21 50,397.21

~~50,397.21~~

balance \$ 77,303.79

It will be seen that the balance of deposits
paid before the 1st inst. is the amount
of \$ 2,799.00 but as the gold received

on construction, I send

the aggregate value as stated by Mr. Hubbard,
 viz. in Dollars \$ 67,300.00
 " " " " " " " " 10,000.00
 " " " " " " " " 3.79

\$ 77,303.79

I am very Respectfully
 Yours obt. servt.

Samuel Ross, Treasurer
Treas. U. S. Mint.

Franklin Haven Esq

Esq. Sec. U. S. at

Washington

New York 16th July 1849

Sir

We forward you by Adams
Express a sealed package containing
gold bullion for coinage and for which
after you have ascertained its standard
or value, please send us a certificate.

Respectfully

Yours obdt

Wargus Götts

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

27 Aug^r 1849.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Drafts payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

*James R. Snowden Esq^r
Chief of Mint No*

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank.

New York
Sept 30/64
12 1/2 o'clock m.

Dear Sir

I have rec'd your des-
patch of this morning, and have the pleasure
to inform you that, by the assistance of the
Sav. Agent, I am to receive the amount
of the Mint Receipts due from the bank
of New York, and have framed the same
in Memo of value to the Cashier of that bank
it will save me the expense - I am going
now to receive the money and take it over
to the bank.

I return you very many
thanks for this accommodation, and with
the oblige to you to honor the receipt
on presentation, and oblige

Yours Obedt Servt

William Buchanan

James R. Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the U. S. Mint
Philad^a

In my hurry yesterday, I forgot to write in time by mail

US Mint
To
Hargons Brothers
New York
Carthage -

In compliance with the
request made in your letter
of the 13th inst. I sent the
enclosed memorandum to the
treasury of your deposit,
and inform you that the
amount will be paid on your
order on the Mint receipt when
ever presented.

Respectfully
R. M. Peterson
Director

Aug 25 1849

Dear Mr. ...
I have the pleasure to inform you that ...
the ... of the ... is now ...

Yours faithfully,
[Signature]

Wm. ...

Minist. of the United States.

Director's Office, Aug. 26, 1869.

My dear Sir,

I have read with care your communication of the 24th inst.; but I will now confine my answer to the circumstance which gave rise to it. I have there^{only} to say, that as you are responsible for the bullion placed in your keeping, you have a perfect right to decline an interchange of any part of it, even for other bullion of equal value; and even if required for purposes of the government, if that be your will in the case.

Yours, with sincere friendship,

R. M. Patterson.

Richard A. McCulloch, Esq.

New York 28th August 1869

R. M. Paterson Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Philad^a

Sir,

On the 16th ult^o we forwarded
to the Mint for coinage a package containing
gold bullion, for which you sent us a certificate.
Will you please inform us whether it is
coined & whether we can dispose of it &
what are the proceeds.

We are Respectfully
Yours obt^l Serv^t
Barzoud Brothers

Minst of the U. States,
Philad^a Aug^t 23 1849.

Sir, I have rec^d your letter of the 21st inst.
I have been prepared for a few days past
to pay you deposits of the 1st inst., but in
consequence of their being on one of the firm
of Adams & Co in this City (the Min^{is} receipt
being in their name) it had to be sent to
New York to be endorsed. It is however
returned to day, and I have paid the same
as follows:—

In eagles \$41,560.—

" gold dollars 20,000.—

" silver dolls, 1020.—

" Change 8.34

Total amt of yr. dep^s. \$62,588.34

The double eagles have not yet been
com^d, and therefore I send Eagles.
The amounts of gold & silver dollars
are in compliance with your request.

Very res^{ly}
Yours &c &c

(signed)

James D. Snowden

Franklin Haven Esq.

as^t the U. S. Mint

Department of State,
Washington, 23^d August, 1849.

Robert M. Patterson, Esq.,
Director of the Mint
of the U. S. Philadelphia.

Sir:

On the receipt of this, which
will be handed to you by Mr. Joseph
Balestier, you are desired to prepare
a suitable medal of gold to be pre-
sented to the Rajah of Sulu, as a
testimonial of his bravery and
humanity in saving the crew of
the American ship 'Mary Ellen',
of Boston, which was wrecked on

the Island of Lubi, in the year
1846. On one side of the medal
should be the arms of the United
States, on the other, an engraved
inscription: "Presented by Zachary
Taylor, President of the United
States of America, to the Rajah
of Lubi, for his bravery and
humanity in saving the crew
of the American ship 'Mary Ellen',
of Boston, A. D. 1846." Appended
to this, let there be a handsome
gold chain.

Deliver these articles to Mr.
Balestier, and transmit your ac-
count to this Department for payment.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Wm. M. Clayton

[illegible]

1' m ~ # 1,519,773.07
 1' m ~ 175,918.73
 2' m ~ 1,495,691.80
 2' m ~ 361,036.61
 1' m ~ 1,856,728.41

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U.S. Mint
To Hon. W. M. Meredith
Sec. of Treasury
Washington
Phila. Aug. 21 1869.

Sir - I have the honor to send herewith a statement of the Deposits and Coinage at the Mint and its branches in the month of July last.

At the Phila. Mint	\$ 1,319,773.07
At the New Orleans Mint	175,918.73
	1,495,691.80

There has since been received	361,036.61
at the Phila. Mint	
	1,856,728.41

Of what may have been received at the New Orleans Mint during the present month, I am not informed.

Very respectfully
R. M. Patterson
Director

Washington Aug 21st 1849

Dear Sir -

The large lump of gold that I
named to you was one that I had seen,
not that I owned. I had no exact in-
formation of its weight & measure it
is the same which you expected - I will
send you some ten or twelve pounds of the
earth & gravel, as soon as convenient,
for your examination - I can select
no gold in either, by the naked eye -

I am very respectfully

Yours

V. Evring

Dear Mr. Patterson
Director of the Mint

Extract from a letter of Alexander
Humboldt to Mr. Farg.

Potsdam 21st Aug. 1829.

— — — You know by my work on
Central Asia, T. III. p. 597., that the largest piece
of wash-gold, which has as yet been found in
the Southern Ural (at Tzarevo-Alexandrovo) near
Miass, weighs 36 Kilogrammes. The largest
piece of platina, which has been found, is that
from the Demidoff Mines at Nizni Taghilske, in
the northern Ural. It weighs 8³/₁₀ Kilogrammes.
Both these pieces are preserved in the cabinet of the
mining corps in St. Petersburg.

I am informed, that there was found in the
year 1821 in the Alleghanie, Anson County, North
Carolina, a piece of wash gold of 21⁷/₁₀ Kilogrammes.
Mr. Kohler, a Saxon miner, relates this fact.

It would be very important, to collect some
further information regarding this curious
fact of Anson County. The piece itself has
probably been lost.

I am convinced by the similar formations
with the Ural, that in the Southern goldwashings
of the Alleghanie, platina and diamonds exist,
but since

but since twenty years have I written to
America and in vain enquired, if there is any
platina there, and if a well informed person
has succeeded to find it. The vague rumors of
Platina & Diamonds in California made so
far no impression on me. —

Question I. Answer in letter to Mr. McKay (last of 2d column)

II. ditto (same column)

III. See the above letter. The coinage of 1847 was \$14,348,366.69 in 11,545,278 pieces. In 1835 the pieces coined reached 15,996,342.

IV. From Boston & N. York on Government of \$9,148,839.33 of which from New York \$7,597,806.44; from Boston \$1,551,032.89. The amount was principally in foreign gold coin.

V. By Adams, Geo's Express. ~~the~~ The expense of transportation thither, ~~and~~ ^{from Boston & New York} ~~the return~~, was paid by the Mint in \$8,615,993.54 of the amount above received. The expenses of transportation were \$3,479^{538.10}~~32~~; profits on recoinage \$1747.40; net cost of transportation \$1,731.92. There was no loss sustained in the carriage.

VI. The time required to assay. The return, if the bullion fund is well supplied, can be made in two days; if the deposit is in care of a well ascertained value, the return may be made the same day.

* Of the above amount \$4,485,812.32 was sent back at a cost of \$1,936.70.

Total transported ——— \$13,101,805.86
Cost 5,474.80

California deposits

Total value ascertained
including "Empire City" 3 $\$1,491,047.74$

Per Falcon ^{ounces dec.} 10,542.33 }
valued at \$ 18. 3 } $189,761.94$
 $\$1,680,809.68$

Aug. 21, 1849

$1,141,389.09$
 $178,383.98$
 $1,319,773.07$ ^{to} July 31, 1849 inclusive.
 $1,680,809.68$
 $361,036.61$ -- to August

$1,319,773.07$
 $44,177.$
 $1,275,596.07$

Mt. A. C. Phil. Aug. 22/49

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst, regarding a deposit of gold, made by W. D. Thurnwald, in your name, on the 9th inst.

You will find enclosed a memorandum of the proceeds of your deposit, and the amount will be paid by us, at the Mint, to any one presenting our receipt, with your endorsement. You can get your money by either of the express lines, or probably by any broker or bank at Washington.

S

Respectfully

as

L. W. Hampton, Esq.
Treasury Dept
Washington

Assistant Treasurers Office
Boston Aug 21st 1849

Sir,

I beg leave to inform you, that I have
not received any portion of the gold, or
silver, transmitted to you from this office,
for recoinage, on the 30th ulto.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully

Franklin Haven
Asst. Treas. U. S.
Boston

To,

James M. Snowden Esq.
Treas. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Agent of the U. States,
Philad^a Aug^t. 20. 1849.

Sir, The deposit of gold referred to
in your letter of the 17th inst, and in one
of a former date, was made by A. G.
Howard, on the 3^d of July, and the
value of the same, being eight hundred
eighty nine ⁴⁵700 dollars was paid to
him on the 26th of the same month.

Very respy
Yours &c
(signed) J. R. Snowden
Mear.

Wm. C. F. G. G.
Albany,
N.Y.

Baltimore Aug. 20th 1849

To the Treas. N. S. Mont
Philad.

Dear Sir

I have a certificate of 2502
pounds deposited in my name July 18th 1849
No 793 - Will you please inform me of the
nature of the loan that I may draw for it.

Very respectfully yrs

James H. Hall
P.O. Building -

P.S. Please say if the certificate of deposit is to remain
from the 9th -

Washington City
August 19. 1849

Sir -

On the instant, I received enclosed in a letter from Mr. J. Sherwood, a receipt of the U. S. Mint at Philada. for some 30 ounces of Gold dust, which Mr. S. had brought me from California. The object of this communication is to request that you will remit me, or enable me to draw from the Treasury of the U. States here in this City, as early as practicable, the net proceeds of said Bullions.

Very Respy. Sir
Yours Obedt. Servt
J. W. Hampton
Treasury Dept. Wash. DC

Paid

Baltimore Aug. 18. 1849

R. W. Patterson Esq.

Director U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We have to thank you
for your very kind communication
under yesterday's date, and shall inform
our correspondents that you are again
at liberty to receive Martin Cain,
with much respect, we are,

Yours: At. Servts.

E. W. Patterson

Many Aug. 17th

Mr B. S. Snowden

Sir

In answer to your
letter you informed me by letter of the 9th July
that in the course of a few days you
would be able to pay the bank of my deposit
if sent by express I have now received it
if not sent And you could oblige me
by permitting a draft to my address you
would confer a great favour as I need
it very much at present

Respectfully yours

Levi C. Frith

paid N. C. Howard July 26/49

Aug 17 1845

Memorandum of the deposit of Haytian
coin by Meyer & Stuckey, Aug 9.

6488 ozs., weight before melting,
produced \$5214.35
(average fineness, 623 thms.)
deductions 158.37
net return, \$5055.98

Value per ounce (before melt) $77\frac{93}{100}$ cents.

In our letter we stated that the return must
probably be "75 cents per ounce, and might exceed
or fall short by one or two cents."

Assuming that this silver, which is simply
silver & copper, & perfectly ductile, will be melted
down with fine silver from the parting room, we
have, upon a small operation, the following gain:

Deductions as above, \$158.37
2426 ozs. copper alloy, say } 36.39
at $1\frac{1}{2}$ cts ————— 194.76

Showing this to be one of the most desirable kinds of
bullion that we can receive. W&S Aug 17¹⁴⁹

Wm. W. S.
Phil., Aug. 17, 1849.

Gentlemen,

About a year ago, I informed you that
the loss sustained by us, from the wearings of
Wright's coins, was so great, that we could not re-
ceive from you any further deposits of this kind.
Had it my duty now to let you know, that, under
a new tariff of charges adopted for the extent, these
coins can now be received. At deposits sent to us
by Messrs. May & Strecker of New York, yielded to
the 77.93 cents per ounce.

R. M. F.
Do.

To Messrs. J. W. Brown & Son.
Baltimore.

021.
Beale's lump, encrypted 80.98
Usual deduction for dirt & }
2 1/2 per cent, }
leaves 78.956
fineness 921
Value \$1499.80

6472.20 prod? 75214.35

refg 158.37

\$ 5055.38

4481
900
4032900

7038070
8121100
8916970

6056175
8110520
7945655
623

77.93

Miner's Phil. Aug. 17/49

Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the recd of your letter Bunt

The bank of America has not yet sent for the
value of your deposits: but when they do so they shall be
paid without delay.

We shall be glad to receive a portion - say 10 lbs., of the
unworked earth which has been sent to you from the Placer
in California, we will make careful experiments upon it
and let you know the results.

You have excited our curiosity by mentioning a lump of gold
which you have in your possession, weighing nearly 100 oz. The largest
shot we have yet seen was brought from Cal. by Agent Benke,
which weighed 80.98 oz. It was for some time in our hands
the not deposited for assay. We found its fineness to be 921
thousandths, which is much above the average of Cal. gold. Making
the usual deduction of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent for dust &c. the weight of good metal would be 78.956
and the value \$1499.00. This specimen under the name of the Monitor lump of Cal.
gold has been under exhibition in Barnum's Museum here & in N.Y.

If you desire to know the fineness & value of your monitor lump we
will chiefly do this for you if you will send the lump to the
Assay.

A. Thomas Esq.

Rm P. 20

Know all Men by these Presents that I,
Henry Johnson of Newburgh in the County of
Suffolk and State of Massachusetts as I am
Administrator of the goods & estate which
were of John N. Cushing late of said New-
burgh deceased, do hereby constitute and
appoint Cabot Cushing of said Newburgh
to be my lawful Attorney in my name &
stead to demand and receive at the Mint
of the United States in the City of Philadel-
phia, from the Treasurer thereof or other proper
authority, the proceeds of three bags of gold
dust marked with the name of John N.
Cushing aforesaid and deposited at said
Mint by Albert Clark of New York &
by him designated by the marks (C), or how-
soever the same be otherwise described, said
gold being the lawful property of the said
John N. Cushing deceased, and to execute
& deliver sufficient receipt & discharge there-
for in my name & stead: Also to demand
& receive from John Filbrick Jr of the City of
Boston, or from the President Directors & Com-
pany of the Shawmut Bank in the City of Boston
or from Albert Clark aforesaid, or from any other
person or persons whatever, the said gold or the
proceeds thereof, or the receipt & certificate of

said deposit given by the Treasurer or other officer
of said Court. And to execute or deliver any
process or writ or other thing therefor. And to
adjust & pay any charges on said gold due
to said Gilbert, or said Clark or any other
person. And to take & perform any law-
ful measures & acts which may be requi-
site for the receipt and recovery of said
gold, to the estate of said John St. Cuthbert
deceased. And to appoint & substitute
an attorney or attorneys under him: I
the said Henry Johnson as such Administrator
hereby stippling & confining relations the
said Cuthbert Cuthbert or his substitute shall
lawfully do in the premises in virtue of
these Presents.

In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my
name & seal at said Newburyport the 13th
day of August A.D. one thousand eight
hundred & forty seven.

In presence of
J. B. May Henry, Not. Pub. Sec. Adm.

State of Massachusetts, County of Essex & Town of
Newburyport. Be it known that on the day of
the date hereof personally appeared the said
Henry Johnson Administrator & acknowledged the

foregoing Letter of Attorney by him executed to be
his free act & deed.

Witness my hand & seal of office at
Newburyport the 14th day of August
A.D. eighteen hundred & forty seven.

John B. Smalley
Not. Public.

Mind of the United States.
Philad^a. Aug^t. 14. 1849

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Your letter of the 9th inst is received. The deposits referred to were made by Mr. Albert Clark and the Mint receipt given to him, Mr. Cushing's name does not appear in the transaction, but Mr. Clark stated that part of the gold belonged to Mr. Cushing, and that part is marked on the Bullion book "C."

I apprehend you and Mr. Clark can readily arrange the business, and would suggest that you and he employ ~~say~~ ^{by} ~~Mr. Adams~~ ^{Mr. Adams} ~~one of the Express lines~~ ^{one of the Express lines}, say Messrs Adams & Co. to ~~bring the proceeds~~ ^{bring the} take charge of the proceeds and deliver the part due the estate of Mr. Cushing to you and the ~~other~~ ^{balance} to Mr. Clark. I presume if you address Mr. Clark on the subject he will unite with you in this arrangement, and send the M^t receipt ^{received} by Messrs Adams & Co. who will deliver the proceeds accordingly.

I would be pleased to hear from you and
have news on the subject. Very Resp^{ly} D^y 1st Inst

Henry Johnson
J. Adams & J. N. Cushing dec

James R. Swan

Washington Aug 13th 1849

My dear Sir

I enclose containing a statement of the quantity & proceeds of the gold which I sent you - The large lump was second in size to one which I saw here. That I think weighed nearly 100 oz - The boulder of gold & quartz had evidently received much friction - I have probably 50 lbs of the unwashed earth as it was dug from the place - Is it worth the experiment, or have you tried it, or collecting the gold by the amalgam or acids?

I have transferred the receipt to the Bank of America New York. to whom order you will please deliver the proceeds

I am very respectfully

Yours

T. Erving

Dear Robt Patterson
U.S. Mint Phila

Washington.

12th August 1849.

My dear Sir,

His Excellency, Mr. Conzalla, Ambassador to from Chile, is desirous to obtain information respecting the Vint and Canned of our country, which have been brought to such perfection under your charge.

Knowing the pleasure you have ever taken in imparting useful knowledge, I have taken the liberty to assure His Excellency, you will readily furnish all he may desire for the Chilean government and render every facility within your control.

I had hoped to greet you again prior to departing for my new home on the 14th. but this may not be, and in thus commending to you my wishes, I trust you will believe the memory of your kindness and that of Mr. Patterson in years long past, will never be dimmed.

Very faithfully & truly

Your friend,

S. W. Gillis.

R. W. Patterson Esq.

Director Vint & C.

Philadelphia.

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a. Sept. 10. 1849.

Sir,
Your letter of the 8th inst is received,
~~and~~ I herewith enclose to you an account
in which the error, ~~noted in your~~ to which
you call my attention, is corrected.
I deem it proper to say that the amount
of transfer draft ~~to~~ for \$131,150, is
correctly entered on the books of the Mint,
and that the same occurred only in the
accounts forwarded.

I am, Very Respectfully
your ob^t Serv^t.

Samuel R. Anderson
Treas^r.

William Sellers Esq
Dea^r, U.S.
Washington City.

Dr

The United States National Account

Cr

1849
July 28 To Balance

Balance
841,150 00

July 19 By balance, as per last statement 710,000 00
July 27 " " this amount recd from the Asst.
Treasr at New York, in pay^t of Treasury draft
No 4, dated 24th inst

841,150 00

131,150 00
841,150 00

July 28 1849
(July 28)

Wm of the United States, Treasurer
Philadelphia 28 July 1849
(signed) James Louis Snowden
Treasr

Newburyport Aug^t 10th 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 8th. Mr. Clark had no
right to take a receipt for the three bags of gold marked
John A. Cushing, his agency in the matter having been
voluntary and merely accidental, and he having no
property in the gold.

I therefore request that the avails may
be held subject to my order, as I have already written
to the Treasurer.

Very respectfully

Wm. C. C. Smith

Henry Johnson Adm^t

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the
Mint.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Aug. 10, 1849.

Dear Sir,

The enclosed memorandum will show you the proceeds of the California gold, deposited in your name, on the 4th inst. — If you will send me the Mint Receipt, endorsed to the order of Adams & Co., the amount due to you shall be sent to you by their Express Line.

In the ^{gold} ~~deposit~~ ^{which you sent from you} there was a lump of gold which weighed 19.05 oz., and it is the largest from California that has yet been deposited at the Mint. It was assayed separately, and its fineness proved to be 916 thousandths, which is much above the average of California gold.

There was ^{also} in your deposit, ~~another interesting specimen, which was~~ a pulch. & quartz, with gold grains spread through it, weighing 3.97 oz. We were at first desirous of preserving the interesting specimen, and for this purpose it was necessary to determine the weight of gold in the pulch., without destroying it. For this object we had the following data.

The specific gravity of the gold — = 19.7

" " quartz = 2.6

" " compound = 5.6

The weight of the compound — = 3.97 oz.

From these data, the weight of gold was found,
by the celebrated problem of Archimedes, to be 2.67 oz.
Subsequently, the pulle was sacrificed, and the gold
~~was separated from it~~ the weight of the gold in it found
to be 2.45 oz.; thus confirming, very satisfactorily,
the result found by calculation.

The gold in the pulle was separately assayed, and
it reached the high fineness of 957 thousandths.

It is somewhat remarkable that the fineness
of the whole mass should have proved to be exactly
standard.

Very respectfully,

Yours friend & servant,

R. M. Patterson.

Wm. Thomas Ewing.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

COUNTY OF ESSEX, ss. PROBATE OFFICE.

I *Nathaniel Lord junior*, register of probate for said county, hereby certify, that on the *sixteenth* day of *January*, A. D. 1849,

Henry Johnson,
Newburyport in said county, *merchant*,
was appointed administrator of the goods and estate of *John N. Cushing*, late of *Newburyport* in said county, *merchant*, deceased, intestate, having given bond according to law for the faithful discharge of his said trust; as appears by the records in said office; and that it does not appear by said records, that said *Henry Johnson* has become disqualified to act in his capacity of administrator as aforesaid.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this *seventeenth* day of *January*, A. D. 1849.

Nath. Lord jr.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Upon ss: This may Certify to all to whom these presents may come, that on the day of the date of the above recited instrument, the said *Nathaniel Lord junior*, was Register of Probate for said County of Essex.
Witness my hand & seal of office this day and year last written.

John B. Loring
Notary Public

Newburyport Aug 9th 1849

Sir,

I have information this day that three bags of gold dust from California belonging to the Estate of the late John A. Cushing deceased, of which I am Administrator, and deposited at the Mint on the 1st instant by Mr Albert Clark of New York, have been assayed, and amount to \$10,793.69,cts.

I had supposed that Mr Clark made the deposit at the Mint, subject to the order of the owner, John A. Cushing, but it would appear, from a letter of his received this day, that he proposes to draw out the avails, implying that the deposit was made subject to his order.

As he has no authority to receive the avails of the deposit, I request you to hold them payable to my order only.

I enclose the evidence of my authority as administrator of John A. Cushing.

I am

Very respectfully
Yours Ob^t Serv^t
Henry Watson

Newburyport Aug 9th 1849

G. W. Wood Esq

Dear Sir,

I received on the 5th instant, from Mr Albert Clark, New York, a letter notifying me that three bags of gold dust from California, marked 'John A. Cushing Newburyport', enclosed in a box with other gold dust belonging to the owners of the Brig Coeline, had arrived by the Crescent City, and been conveyed by him to the mint at Philadelphia.

I have this day received through Mr Clark the assay of this gold, giving net \$10,795.69, & it seems to be implied by the tenor of Mr Clark's letter accompanying the assay, that he proposes to draw the avails of the deposit from the Mint.

I have not given Mr Clark any authority to do this, and prefer of course to do it myself. I do not mean by this to reflect at all on Mr Clark, who, in depositing the gold dust at the Mint, seems to have pursued an upright & honorable course, although I should have preferred to have had the consignment held subject to my order in New York.

I beg of you to do me the favor to call on the Treasurer of the Mint, & represent to him the state of the facts, and the character and

standing of the late John A Cushing's commercial
house; and take all the proper steps, (by legal
process if necessary) to see that the avails of
the deposit are not drawn from the Unit
except by my order.

Respectfully

Yours obt^d serv^t

Henry Otis on New

U. S. Mint U. S. Phil. Aug. 8/49

My dear Sir,

Very respectfully,

I have received your favor of the 7th inst., with the enclosures, & the draft being for the sum of \$295 ⁹⁰/₁₀₀ was cashed for me by the Philad. Bank, and the amount placed in the ordinary fund of the Mint.

In compliance with your request I enclose to you a Receipted account, which I hope will be satisfactory.

I am, Sir,

(S^d) James Ross Torndsen
Treas.

J. M. McKean, Esq.
Agent Treas. Dept.
Washington D. C.

Treasury of the U.S. States
August 8. 1849

J. Rees Snowden Esq.
Trans. Treas. Mint Philadelphia.

Sir,

In your last statement of
Bullion &c you have credited for Transfer draft
No 4 - \$ 131,500 - instead of \$ 131,150 - making the
balance too large by \$ 350 - Please furnish a
corrected statement.

Very respectfully,
Yours obedient

Wm. A. R. D.
Trans. U.S. States

Mint U. S. Phil. Aug. 8/49

Sir,

I have rec^d this morning, your letter of the 4th inst, regarding a deposit of gold dust made by Mr. Albert Black, a part of which you mention as belonging to the estate of the late John M. Bushing.

Mr. Black deposited 6 parcels of gold, and all of them in his own name, - stating, however, to the clerk that he owned three, marked C, - were for Mr. Bushing. Their weights & values were as follows:

C. No. 1, wt.	227.98	\$4081.61
C. " 2	236.30	4262.10
C. " 3	136.42	2449.98
	<u>600.70</u>	<u>10,793.69</u>

The Mint Receipt having been made in the name of Mr. Albert Black, alone, the proceeds can be paid only to his endorsement on the receipt.

The payment may probably be made in a week from this time.

Henry Johnson Esq
Newbury Port.

Rm. P. 

Treasury Department
August 7. 1849.

Sir

I have the pleasure to enclose a check
in your favor for \$295⁰⁰/100 being the amount of your
charge upon the Customs for the Transportation of foreign Coins
for recoinage at the Mint.

Be pleased to send me
an acknowledgement in the form of a Bill Receipt of the
Treasury Department - stating the nature of the charges - to be
filed as a voucher with my accounts.

I am very Resp^lly
D. M. McKean ASD.

J. Robt Snowden Esq
Treasury Dept.



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Boston, New-York, Philadelphia, and Wheeling
PAOKAGE

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Boston, New-York, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

New-York, 7th August 1889.

Received of *Meyer Shuckert*
Two Kegs of Soda, value
Forty six Hundred Seventy Five Dollars
Marked, *R. M. Patterson Esq.*
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.
and sealed as per *margin*
to be delivered *und broken*

to be forwarded as addressed, *loss by fire, water, breakage,*
leakage and perils of the sea, excepted, signed and delivered
For Adams J Co. *James*

No 140, Stationers and Printers, cor. Wall and Water sts.

New York, 7th August 1839

Sir,

Your esteemed favor of 8th inst. is at hand and we feel obliged for the information, it contains.

To day we beg to enclose Receipts of Adams & Co. for two Kegs of specie to your address. — The Kegs contain together \$19,555.63^{1/2} Haytian Coin, which you will please cause to be coined into United States Currency, and forward the proceeds to us at your earliest convenience.

We remain Dear Sir

Yours very respectfully

Wm. Patterson

Wm. Patterson Esq.
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

(Copy)

Philad^a Aug. 6/1849

Dear Sir, I have received your letter of the 4th inst.,
I feel satisfied that you did not intend any dis-
respect to me in sending the present referred to,
and that, as you state, it was done without due
reflection. In this point of view your letter is satis-
factory, and your apology sufficient. The circumstances
shall not, therefore, interrupt our friendly relations. I
enclose to you Fifteen dollars the price of the wines.
I paid Harnden's Express for the transportation.

James K. Folsom

I Believe

New York

New York Aug 21 1849
Dear Sir!
Your letter of the 2nd inst is before me and its contents gives me pain as it leads me to suppose that I have offended you. Believe me my dear Sir had I for a moment considered, that you would think it improper to receive the trifling offering from one on whom your kindness has made an impression never to be effaced nothing could have induced me to send it. Your resolution not to receive even the most trifling present from one with whom you have public business, is a very just one, and worthy of you, & a moment's reflection would have shown me the impropriety of sending it. But I did not reflect that moment, but as soon as the packets came to my house (I sent 2 as presents from a friend) I sent one to you with the letter thinking you would receive it in the spirit I sent it. But as I above said I fear my moment's reflection offended you & I hope you will forgive me. You desire to know the price on enquiry I find it to be from 15 to 25 cts. Until I shall receive your letter informing me that I have your forgiveness if I have offended you I shall be uneasy.

Believe me with
great respect
Yours truly
J. D.

A. R. Swenden Esq
Pha

Newburyport August 4th 1849

Sir,

I learn from Mr. Albert Clark
that he has deposited at the Mint three bags
of gold dust, weighing 600 7/100 ounces, belonging
to the Estate of the late John A. Cushing of
which I am Administrator. I beg of you to
do me the favor to send me the assay when
completed, and to inform me at what time
the deposit will be subject to draft.

I am

Very respectfully

Henry Peterson

The Director of the
Mint
Philadelphia.

Mint U. S. Phil. Aug. 4/49

Dear Sir,

I received your parcel of gold, this morning
viz from Mr. Johnson, and I now send enclosed
a receipt for the deposit.

The whole weight, you will see, is 37.34 oz. In
the bag there was a lump of gold which weighed
19.05 oz. and is the largest from Cal. that has
yet been deposited at this Mint. There is be-
sides, an interesting specimen of gold grains,
spread throughout a pebble of quartz. Its weight
is 3.97 oz.

When the assays are made, I will write to
you again.

Yours
R. Mint.

Wm. Thomas Ewing.

Philad^a August 2^d 1849

Dear Sir

On my return from Cape May, where I had been spending a few days, I found on my table your letter of the 24th ult. and also ascertained that the basket of Champagne therein referred to, had been left at my house. I avail myself of the earliest opportunity to day, that I decline to receive it as a present from you. My first impression was to send it back to you, but the most convenient course will be for me to pay you its value. You will therefore inform me without delay, what the price or value of the article is, and I will forward it to you - if not informed within a few days, I will return the basket to you.

In taking the course above stated, it is only necessary to add that I deem it improper to receive a valuable present from any one with whom I transact public business. it is the course I have uniformly observed in all cases.

I am, Very Respectfully
Your O^bl. Serv^t.

Copy.
Mr. B. Peck
N. York.

Samuel R. Knickerbocker

Mint of the United States,
Philad.^a August 1. 1849.

Sir,

I have received your letter
of the 30th ult. and also Mr. Moser Adams
the amount of gold and silver foreign coins
therein stated, viz:

For gold coins	\$ 61,568.34
Silver —	1,020.00
Amount	\$ 62,588.34

Our supply of gold dollars is at present
exhausted, but I expect a delivery
in a few days when it will give me pleasure
to send the amount requested; as the double-
eagle will not be coined for some time,
I will send the balance in eagles.

I will endeavor to comply with your request
as to the silver dollars.

I am,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant

Wm. Franklin Howard, Esq.

Wm. Franklin Howard, Esq.

Aug 1. 1849

Unit U. S. Phil. Aug. 1/49

Sir, You will find answers to nearly all the inquiries made in your letter of yesterday in a pamphlet which I send to you.

The valuation of the pound Sterling at $4\frac{2}{3}$ had its origin as follows:

The British Guinea, though its legal weight was higher, was found to have the average weight of 126 grains, and it was reckoned at 21 shillings Sterling. Consequently the gold corresponding to the Pound Sterling would be 120 grains. The weight of the American Eagle up to the end of July 1834 was 270 grains; and the British & American Standards were up to that time the same, namely $\frac{11}{12}$ lbs. Hence the value of the pound Sterling in our coin - both being in gold - will be determined by the following proportion.

$$270 : 120 :: 10 : 4\frac{2}{3}$$

R. M. P.

D. T. Tucker, Esq

Baltimore.

U.S. Mint,
Philad^a Aug⁶ 1849.

Sir, I herewith forward you
the weekly statement ending the
28th ult., shewing the state of the Bullion
and public money dep^t in the Mint, by
the Treas^r of the U.S.

Very respectfully,
Yours ob^t servant
(signed) James R. Snowden
Treas^r

Wm. Seligman, Esq.
New York

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Monterey May Aug. 1849

J. M. Patterson Esq.
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of directing
to your address, a Box containing specimens of
Silver Ore from the mine of Alisal about
20 miles from the town, which I should feel
obliged to you as a favor to have analyzed
by your assayers in the United States Mint, or if
it incompatible with their duties.

I hope, my dear Sir, you will excuse the liberty
I take in ^{requesting} ~~requesting~~ this favor, but supposing
that the examination of such ore when taken
from Mines in United States Territories within your
province as Director of the Mint, and that your
scientific taste where in the line of Metallurgy
and Mineralogy, I had thought you would be gratified
in receiving the specimens of ore sent you.

The mine of Alisal is an old one; that

is, as to examination and partial exploration. Silver
has been got from it at different times, but labor
being scarce and high in California before the
discovery of the gold mines & still more so since,
and the owners of the land not having sufficient funds
to carry on the working of the mine, nothing has
been done with it, with a view to profit. It now
belongs to John. Alvarado, W. L. P. Bartwell & myself
and we hope in the course of a year or so, with capitalists
who are willing to engage in the scheme, to do something
with it. By that time the price of labor will have
fallen, from the unhealthiness of the gold districts
& the thousands of laborers from all parts coming
into the country there the most of them marketable.

The mine is situated the best I have heard of
in any part of the world for being worked cheaply
and profitably. It is situated but 100 feet or more
from the rise of a plain, the Salinas, which opens
an easy road for carts to the sea, for only 20 miles.
The stone is very easily worked - plenty of timber
for burning and building, also clay and lime, and the
rights to the mine extend over nearly 12 miles of
land for all minerals & the deeds are in perpetuity &
forever.

There is a hole dug, previous to my connection with it,
of 40 feet deep by 10 wide. The top layers are limestone
& other stones mixed with the silver ore; and the specimens
I have sent you are I expect poor, as we have not at
present the laborers to dig further. As many
silver miners from Sonora, are now returning
from the gold mines very much dissatisfied with
the results of their labor, we hope in a short time
to procure better specimens, ^{some} of which I shall take
the liberty of selecting for yourself. The land on which
the mine is situated is dry all the year round. The
lower layers of the mineral are mostly of a soft
sulphureous stone or to appearance so. It has also
great advantage in being within 40 miles of the
Quicksilver mine of Forbes at Santa Clara, a level
road all the way, except a distance of 7 or 8 miles through
the mountains of San Juan.

Any further information that you may desire
that is in my power to give you, concerning the mine
of California, you may at all times command. The
country is filled with highly curious specimens of
ores and rocks and I hope we shall soon have thorough

Geological examination of the country by the U.S.
Government. This mine of official is the only verified
Silver mine yet discovered in Upper California, but
we do not know but others may be found in time as
there are many indications of it in the country.

Remains

My dear Sir

Alexander J. Taylor

P.S.

Will refer you to ^{the} Lt. Sherman U.S.A. for
knowledge of myself & Post-Office and the mine.

The Box of Ore Mine sent by the hands of
Mr. Waship who goes to New York via Panama
by the Steamer California which leaves today.
He may leave the box at Harnden Ho. in N.Y.
if not coming to Philadelphia.

United States Mint,
Philad^a, Sept. 29. 1849.

Sir, I, Herewith, forward you,
the accounts of copper coinage, for
the quarter ending the 30th day of
Sept. 1849, which I hope you will
find to be correct.

Very respy,
Yours obedt^{ly},
(signed) J. R. Snowden
Treas.

To John C. Clark, Esq.
First Auditor of the Treasury
Washington.

U. S. Mint
Philad^a Sept 29, 1849.

Sir, I herewith forward you,
the quarterly statement ending this day
showing the state of the Bullion and
public money deposited in the Mint
by the Treasurer of the U. S. States.

Very respectfully,
Your Obo. Servant,
(signed)
Jas. R. Snodden
Mint.

To
William Selden Esq,
Treasurer of the U. S.
Washington. }

Baltimore Sep 28 1849
S. Treasurer of Mount of Zion
Sir

On 22 Inst I had the
pleasure of receiving your receipt (at the right)
for 49⁰⁰ By G. L. I sent for Compt. - I will
be pleased to let you know when I may draw for
the amount in money - Requesting you not
to direct your answer to care of another
as I am perfectly
Yr Obedt Servt

Direct to No 12 Commerce St

Chas. Pitt

Unit U. S. Phil. Sept. 26/49

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 24th inst,
and also per Messrs Adams & Co the amount of
foreign gold therein stated, viz \$57,726.

I will transmit the value of this deposit
to you at as early a period as possible.

Franklin Haven, Esq
Am. Cons. Union
(Boston Mass.)

(Sd) James R. R. R.
Stam.

Wash. D.C. Phil. Sept. 26/49

Sir,

I have recd. your letter of the 25th inst asking for half
a dozen copies of the published regulations of the Mint.

I send you six pamphlets containing all the legal enact-
ments in the subject except the act of the 3^d of March last respect-
ing the coinage of double eagles and gold dollars. These I hope
will be satisfactory. The only regulations, properly so called, which
have been printed, are those relative to the tariff of charges
on gold and silver received for coinage; a few copies of which
I also send you.

If any other information is desired I will be happy
to communicate it.

Allen S. Hall, Esq.

Register of the Treasury

Wash.

Very respectfully,
James Ross Snowden

Chief Clerk

Nb. U.S.
Ph. Sep. 21, 1849

Sir, I send you today per Messrs.
Adams & Co the amt. of your dep. of gold
coins made on the 5th inst

Ans. in Eagles \$ 50,000
in gold dollars 10,000
\$ 60,000

I send you as many gold dollars
as I can. The silver deposited
made at the same time with the above,
I will send you whenever I can
furnished with the kind of coin
requested by you.

(Very Resp
ly. &c)

(Signed) J.R. Taylor

Frankl. Hovey Esq
Care of U.S.
Boston

Know all men by these presents, that we Joseph M. Wetmore
and J. Spencer Kirby of the City of New York, one held
and firmly bound unto the Treasurer of the United States, Mint at
Philadelphia, in the penal sum of Three hundred and sixty seven
dollars lawful money of the United States to be paid to the said
Treasurer or his successor in office, to which payment well and
truly to be made we bind ourselves, and each of us by himself
for and in the whole, our heirs, executors and administrators, and
each of us firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, dated
this twenty sixth day of September A. D. 1849.

Whereas one John Eskine, now deceased, late a gunner in
the United States Naval Service, deposited before his death certain
gold dust in the United States Mint at Philadelphia to be coined,
the proceeds of which is now claimed by Margretta Eskine of
the City of New York, the mother of said John Eskine as his heir at
law he having died intestate without children. Now the
Condition of the above obligation is such, that on the payment of
the proceeds of the said gold dust by the Treasurer of the said mint
to the said Margretta Eskine, or her order, the above obligors
will in case of any legal claim or claims being presented for
the said proceeds by heirs, or others, of said John Eskine, will
well and truly refund, or save harmless, the said Treasurer in
regard to the payment of said proceeds.

Sealed and delivered in the
presence of
August Warner

Joseph M. Wetmore

J. Spencer Kirby

State of New York.

City and County of New York ss: Margaretta Erskine of
said City, being duly sworn says that John Erskine late
a prisoner in the United States Naval Service, now deceased,
was her son, that he died intestate, that he has no
children and left no wife surviving him.

Margaretta Erskine

State of New York.

City & County of New York ss: Be it remembered that
on this 26th day of September 1897 before me Andrew
Warner a Commissioner for the State of Pennsylvania
for the State of New York authorized to administer oaths &c.
personally came the above named Margaretta Erskine
who being by me duly sworn depose that the contents
of the above affidavit were in all respects just
and true.



Given under my hand and seal
this day and year aforesaid.

Andrew Warner
Pennsylvania Commissioner

Treasury Department
Registers Office
Sept 25. 1849.

Sir

If they can be conveniently, please
be pleased to forward to me, half a dozen
copies of the Published Regulations of the
mint.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Yr Obedt Servt
Allen S. Hall

Genl R. S. Snowden Esq.
Asst. Treasr. to the
Philadelphia

Col. M. Patterson Esq.

September 24, 1849.

Dear Sir,

I have been informed that there
may possibly be some assistance needed in
the mint, and that some hands will probably
be employed in a little while. If so I
would most earnestly recommend the
selection of Robert Cerro from Washington
City. He comes highly recommended
to me.

Yours,

JMS

John H. Steward.

Dr. Tallent.

Office of the Assistant Treasurer
of the U.S. Boston Sept. 24 1869

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst together with the Gold therein stated. —

I transmit to you, this day, under charge of Adams & Co. Fifty seven thousand seven hundred and ^{dollars} (837,726) in foreign gold, and I shall be happy to have the amount returned to me in such American gold coins as it shall meet your convenience to furnish with the least delay.

I remain Very Respectfully

Your O^b. Servant,

Sam^l R Snowden, Esq.
Treas. U. S. Mint
Phil^a

Franklin Haven
Asst. Treas.

Wash. D.C. Phil. 22 Sept. 1879

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 21st inst., I have the honor to state that the amount of available funds at the time on hand in amount of the undistributed & contingent expenses of the Dept., is \$3571. ^{To the payment of our ordinary expenses for the remainder of the present fiscal year, we are indebted to the sum of \$2446 appropriated for the present fiscal year, and on the balance of we rely on the above balance, and on the sum of \$1846 appropriated for this year, in addition to available funds on hand, under which we include the sum of \$7,344 ^{of last year's appropriation} ~~which is the last fiscal year~~, and called for in my letter of the 19th inst.}

You remark that when this balance of \$22,344 shall have been transmitted "there will remain to the credit of the appropriation the sum of \$3950.39, for the service of the remainder of the present fiscal year." This exceeds what we have supposed ourselves entitled to, by \$104.39. We are at a loss to account for this difference. A key to the explanation may perhaps be found in the fact that this amount is precisely the same with that which, by instructions from the Comptroller of the Treasury, of the 16th of March last, we paid ^{on the 31st of March} from the ~~to the~~ legal representative of the late Mr. Tilling, Treasurer of the United States Treasury of the U.S. This sum was charged in our ordinary account for the last quarter, and has been regularly adjusted at the Treasury, as appears from a letter of the Comptroller of the 1st of June.

Yours truly,
R. H. P.

Wm. W. M. M. M.
Secy of Treasury.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

22. Sept 1849.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Drafts payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James P. Seward Esq

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank.

Balthus
Sept 22^d 1849-

Sir,

I rec^d \$433.82 yesterday, accompanied by a memo-
= randum of Gold Bullion deposited 13th of Sept
1849 at the Bank Philadelphia of G. Morton
for me - will you please inform me if you care, if
Mr Morton lives in Philadelphia so I may address
him on the subject -

Very Respectfully

J^{es} Chataud.

W^{ashing}ton.

Lieut Comd^r of U.S. Ship Lexington

Treasury Department
August 21st 1849.

Sir,

In reply to the request contained in your letter of the 19th inst. I have this day directed a remittance of the sum of \$5,900 to be made to James R. Snowden Treasurer &c. on account as follows:

Salaries of Officers &c.	4,600
Wages of Dockmen	2,000

Specimens of Coins to be issued at the Mint March 1 st 1849.	300
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Before directing a remittance of the further sum of \$7,344 requested also, in your letter, from the appropriation for the last fiscal year, I wish thank you to inform me of the amount of available funds at this time, on hand, on account of the incidental & contingent expenses of the Mint. The appropriation made for these expenditures by the Act of Congress of March 3rd 1849 is \$3846. Should the sum of \$7,344 be now transmitted there would remain to the credit of the appropriation the sum of \$3,950.39 for the service of the remainder of the present fiscal year. When received your reply, in moderate attention, will with pleasure be given to the subject of the further remittance of \$7,344 requested as above stated.

Very Respectfully Sir,
J. M. Meredith

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Penna.

J. M. Meredith
Secretary of the Treasury.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Sept: 20, 1849.

Dear Sir,

I have to apologise for a strange mis-
take which has put you under the necessity of
writing. By some inadvertence, a Memorandum
~~was sent to a Mr. Stokes in Mr. Stokes at New~~
York, was sent to Frederickburg, and it was supposed
to be that ^{intended for you,} ~~which should have been sent to your address~~
I now send the true Memorandum to the true addressee.

P. M. P.

10.



Amos Davis, Esq.
Fredericksburg, Va.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Sept. 19, 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant, in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, for ^{fourteen} ~~thirteen~~ thousand ^{two hundred forty five} ~~one hundred~~ dollars, out of the appropriations of the current fiscal year; ~~and~~

For Salaries of Officers and Clerks \$4,000.

" Wages of workmen, ——— 2,000.

" Specimens of ore and coins 300

And out of the appropriations for the last fiscal year \$6,900.00

~~Also, for seven thousand three hundred~~

~~and forty five dollars out of the~~

~~appropriation of the last fiscal year,~~

For for incidental & contingent expenses, — \$7,300.00

In all, \$14,200.00

R. M. Patterson,

Director.

Hon. Wm. M. Meredith,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Sept. 19, 1849.

Lii.

to the West, from California, by

The gold deposits brought from the "Empire City", since the 14th inst., amounts to upwards of \$500,000, and it has come to us with a large quantity of California gold, ^{of the same kind as before} still going, though the proceeds required for paying from it the silver with which ~~it is concerned~~ ^{it is concerned} ~~is being~~ ^{is being} ~~accomplished~~ ^{accomplished} it. The ~~operation~~ ^{operation} ~~and arrangements~~ ^{arrangements} ~~are being~~ ^{are being} ~~accomplished~~ ^{accomplished}. The arrangements required for this operation, ^{as an enterprise} on a large a scale as is now making, are not yet completed, although every exertion has been made to accomplish this object. The consequence is that the currency is far in arrears of the deposits, ~~the amount due to depositors exceeding a million of dollars.~~ With a little more time ~~for~~ ^{for} ~~settling~~ ^{settling} ~~our own arrangements with~~ ^{with} ~~operation,~~ ^{operation,} and with the ground deposits indisputed, ^{we hope that} ~~this state of things~~ ^{this state of things} ~~can~~ ^{will soon} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~corrected,~~ ^{corrected,} and prompt payment be made to the depositors.

From the Department of Finance

There is a ~~draft~~ notice received to-day, ^{from the Department of Finance} by the ~~cashier~~ ^{treasurer} of the Mint, for a draft upon the Mint, for \$200,000. From this moderate amount ~~undoubtedly~~ ^{undoubtedly} we are sensibly felt by us, and has led to the dis-appointment of our depositors. Our Treasurer informs us that he has a large balance on hand in the Assistant Treasury. ~~Can it not, at least, be used to replace~~ ^{a part of} ~~the draft of \$200,000?~~ Can not the direction of the draft be changed? or the amount be restored to the Assistant Treasury from the Assistant Treasury?
R. M. P.

John Wm. M. Meredith.

Secretary of the League

New York Sept 19th 1849
J. Paterson Esq
Superintendent Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir -

By the U.S. Ship
Dale - Mr O C Pratt of San Francisco
Shipped a Bag of "Gold Dust" marked
J. E. Lyon but the greater portion of it on
my account - as the Gold was sent to the
Mint on arrival I had expected the
proceeds would have been returned ere this
I would therefore feel obliged by your sending
one for my government a copy of the assay
of the above Gold and also mention at what
time the return of the coin may be expected

Respectfully Yours &c -

M. Holmes
170 West Street N.Y.

The package of earth from the gold region of Cal^a has been received, and will be subjected to ~~the examination proposed by Mr~~ a critical examination by Mr Eckfeldt as soon as the pressure of business occasioned by the last arrival of gold shall be abated. - We would suggest that there is evidently a misapprehension on the part of the Secretary, as to the use of acid in the extraction of the particles of gold, it does ~~not~~ which he speaks of, ^{along} with the process of washing, & amalgamation, as a third & distinct method. It is simply a means of facilitating the process of amalgamation, which it is ~~for~~ believed by Mr E. will be useful ^{under} ~~in~~ certain conditions; which however, ^{he wd not be willing to affirm} ~~cannot be stated~~ publicly, without ~~an~~ extended experiments, in large operations, for which the managers have taken steps to institute, but for which the opportunity cannot occur until the ^{cost of} transpⁿ from the mines down to the sea coast shall have been materially reduced. By a letter from an intelligent ^{scientific} friend at San F., dated August 1st, we are informed that the ^{charge} ~~price~~ of was then 20 cents a pound, and had fallen to that, from one dollar. - The third process, which there really is, & which is ~~mentioned~~ probably applicable in the case, is that of ~~direct~~ smelting. The gentleman alluded to, a very competent judge, says "my opinion ~~continues unabated~~, that confidence in the richness of some of the auriferous earth, & the expediency of shipping it abroad, for the purpose of being smelted, is not abated."

Sept. 16. L. 18, 1869.

Enoch

The package of mail, from the gold region of California, arrived in your letter of the 7th inst., was ~~not~~ received, and was placed in the hands of ~~an~~ ^{Exalted} the messengers, for a distant communication. There is, now here, now such a pressure of business in the street, that this investigation cannot be ~~commenced~~ ^{commenced} until the ~~matter~~ ^{matter} connected with the ~~their~~ ^{their} pressure shall be somewhat abated. Yours, as to the ad

We think there is a misapprehension in your letter, as to the use
of acid in extracting the particles of gold, as if it were a distinct
method used for this purpose. It is, in fact, simply a means of
facilitating the process of amalgamation, which it is believed by
Mr. Eckfeldt will be useful under certain conditions. This however
he would not be willing to affirm publicly without extended
experiments, in large quantities, which our associates are anxious
of making, but which cannot be put in their power until the
transportation from the mines to the sea coast shall be materially
reduced. They have reported, ^{in the report of accounts, from} ~~that~~ ^{the} ~~fact~~ ^{fact} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~this~~ ^{this}
~~charge upon letters was~~ ^{by a friend in California,} ~~more than 20 cents per pound,~~ ^{that this}
~~& has fallen to that for one~~ ^{charge upon letters was} ~~half.~~ ^{less than 20 cents per pound, and had fallen to that for one}

There is a third process, which is perhaps applicable to the one just
is that of smelting. Our California friends to whom I have just referred,

and who is a man of science, and a competent judge, ~~in the matter~~,
says: "My confidence in the veracity of some of the anonymous
letters, and the expediency of shipping it abroad for the
purpose of being smelted, is not abated."

Very respectfully

truly yours,

R. M. P.

John Thomas Lewis,
Secretary of the Bureau.

Friedrichsburg Va Sept 17 1829

To the Treasurer of the United States Mint
O Philadelphia

Sir
I enclose a certificate
of deposit of \$8⁹²/₁₀₀ - Bars of gold left
by myself for coinage at the mint
I directed to have a certificate of
the Assay sent to me at Friedrichs-
burg Va and as it has not yet
come to hand I feared that my
address was not understood I wish
if you have not inclosed it to
see you would have the goodness
to do so at once as I have this Co
in a bad way

Respectfully yours

Amos Davis

Treasury of the United States
Sept. 17th 1849

Sir,
I have this day issued a transfer Draft on you, viz.
No. 15. in favor of the Treasurer U.S. for \$200,000.
payable in American Gold Coin.

I am respectfully,
Your Obedt Servant,
Wm. B. Ewell
Treasurer U.S.

The Treasurer of the Mint
at Philadelphia

788 15/100
Trans. M. B. E.

To the Treasurer of the Mint at
Philadelphia

New York 14th Sept 1789

Dear Sir

On the 8th inst I deposited at the
Mint two lots of Silver bullion w^g together as per your
receipt 1779th ounces. As I have not as yet received the
Statement will you be kind enough to forward it to me
if its ~~its~~ presume it is ready? I oblige your most humble

Y^{rs} obt^l St
J. S. Rutledge

Minist of the U. States,
Philada. Sept. 12, 1849.

Sir, I have rec^d your letter of the
11th. inst, and also per Men. Adams the
the amount of foreign gold coins
therein stated, viz - \$4,171.03.

I will pay the amount of this deposit
in the kind of coins you wish, as soon
as possible.

Very res^t
Yours &c
(signed) J. Ross Snowden
Minist.

Chas. P. Kane Esq
Collector & Depository
at Baltimore
Md.

New York, Sept. 14, 1849.

Collection & Disposition Office
Baltimore Sept 11th 1849.

Sir,

On the preceding page you will find a statement of,
and receipt for Messrs Adams & Co for Five bags containing
Foreign Gold Coins amounting to Five thousand, one hundred
and seventy one + $\frac{23}{100}$ dollars (\$4,171 $\frac{23}{100}$) This day has been sent to
the Union for receiving. You will very much oblige me by
returning the amount to this office at your earliest con-
venience, and in the following descriptions of coin if pos-
sible viz American Gold, \$4,000.00

cents 50.43

Dimes 50.00

Silver Dimes 71.00

\$4,171.03

We are much in need of the small coin and when
and where there is a great fund if you will furnish them
in about the amount indicated.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant

To

Messrs. Adams & Co

Baltimore, U.S.A.

Philadelphia

Geo T. Ham
Coa

Statement of Foreign Gold Coins Sent to the
United States Mint at Philadelphia per Messrs. Horn
& Co. Express Sept 1849

No.	Country	date	per	
1	English	2492.	12	\$2,357.90
2	"	1491.	12	1,410.11
3	French	243.	12	226.20
4	Doubloon.			176.92
Total.				\$4,171.13

Baltimore Sept 1849. Received
from George P. Kane Esq. Collector and Deputy of the
Public Money at Baltimore, Four bags, said to contain
Foreign Gold Coins amounting to the sum of Four
thousands, one hundred and seventy one $\frac{43}{100}$ dollars,
which are to be delivered to the Treasurer of the United
States Mint at Philadelphia, the usual charges only
excepted.

Samuel Shambaugh
Prop. Express

Department of the Interior
Washington, September 7, 1869

Dear Sir,

I have put up (and will send to you
by express) some 10 lbs of the loose earth from
one of the placers in California, to be subjected to the
experiments which you were kind enough to propose
to apply to it. And allow me to suggest, that
I deem it important to ascertain the difference
in the quantity of gold which can be procured
from a given weight of the earth (the same being
well pulverized and mixed, so as to make it in
all respects equal) by washing - by an amalgam
of Quicksilver, and by the use of the muriatic acid.
The information may be important in the future
management of the mines.

I send also some specimens of Quartz and other
solid minerals from the same locality.

I am, very Respectfully,
Yr. obedient

Doct. R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

J. Loring
Secretary

No. 6. of U. S.
Sept. 6/49.

Sir, I have rec^d. from Messrs. Adams & Co.
the amt. of for gold and silver coins stated
in your letter of the 3rd inst. The amount is
deposited for coinage in the usual manner;
the proceeds of which I will forward at as
early a day as possible, and will endeavor
to comply with your request as to the kind
of coin to be sent to you. I regret to say
that although the double eagle is in progress
yet I cannot state when I will be able
to receive any from the Chief Coiner.

I also enclose to you the memorandum
of the former deposits, which were omitted
to be sent. The surplus amt. a true and
statement of value is placed in the ruling
fund of the Mint to meet costs of transpor-
tation, in pursuance of the instructions
of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
Yours for service,
(signed) J. A. Snowden
Assistant Treasurer

Wm. Howard Esq
Asst. Treas. U. S.
Boston

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

Sept 4 1849.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *me* Treasury Drafts payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

R. M. Patterson Esq

Received
N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank.

U.S. Treas. Office
Boston Sept. 3. 1839

James B. Snowden Esq.
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Sir

I send to day by
Messrs. Adams & Co. sixty thousand dollars
in foreign gold for which please return fifteen
thousand gold dollars & the balance in eagles -
unless you can send double eagles. -

I also send one thousand five hundred
fifty dollars in silver for which please return
one thousand dollars in dimes & the balance in
half dimes -

I am Sir
Very Respectfully

Franklin Haven
Asst. Treas. of U.S.

Office of Secy. and of Treasury
Washington City
September 3. 1849

Sir -

I have the receipt of Messrs. Adams & Company
dated Baltimore Aug 31st for a parcel of Gold Dust belong-
ing to me, and which they promise to forward in my
name to the U. S. Mint, at Philad^a.

I have to request that you will forward to
me, as in the case of a former deposit (respecting which
you wrote me on 21st ult^o.) a receipt for the above Bullion
and as early as practicable, a statement of the net pro-
ceeds -

Very Respy Sir
Yours Obt. S^t
J. W. Macmaster

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of Mint
Philad^a Pa.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Register's Office, Sept. 1, 1849.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the usual estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1851, may be prepared at your office and transmitted to this, as early as convenient for the purpose of being laid by the Secretary of the Treasury, before Congress at the ensuing session. I would invite your particular attention to the second section of the act of 17th of June, 1844, ~~and to the Joint Resolution of 17th January 1846~~ relating to estimates to be laid before Congress.

You are requested to send the estimates on foolscap paper with margins of at least one inch in width, that the same may be bound in volumes in this office.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

Allen A. Hall

Register of the Treasury.

Robert M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Int. Office
Sep 1/49

Dear Sir

Will you oblige
me by sending a statement
of the amount of California
Gold sent to the mint
since the Commencement
of the mint of gold
dollar coinage.

Yours Truly
Henry W. Wells

Charles A. Smith
Director of the
Mint
SEP 1 1849

The Director of the United States mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Per Standard & Co's express.

I have this day forwarded to you address, gold dust,
fourteen pounds. two & one half ounces off half an ounce
for Bag, making, into weight, fourteen pounds two ounces.
The value of the above you will please return in
gold coin to yours Res^t

C. D. Hillman Dahl

A. M. Higgins

New York Oct. 27. 1849.

Per 123 West St.

New York

12/5/53
Mt. of U.S.
Phil. Oct. 27/49

Dear Sir I have recd. your favor
of the 26th. In view of the
circumstances stated by you and
the small amount of the deposit,
being under \$1000, I will pay
the lady the deposit in two or
three days after the deposit is made,
or as soon as the appraiser makes
report of its value.

I am very truly,
Very, Yours &c.
(signed) J.R. Sizer

M. H. Melle Esq
Washington City.

Washington City
Treasury Department
Oct. 28th 1849

Dr. Sir,

A lady who has just received
some eight or nine hundred dollars
worth of California gold, and wishes to exchange it
for coin, desires me to enquire whether,
if it were deposited in the Mint at Philadelphia
by Adams & Co. Express Agents, you would be
willing, as soon as it had been assayed,
to pay the full value in gold coin, or
what amount you would pay; and what
time it would require to ascertain the
exact value.

I have therefore to request
that you will have the kindness to
inform me on these points as soon as
practicable.

Very Respectfully
Yours truly,
W. D. Miller

J. H. Snowden Esq
Treas. of the Mint
Philadelphia

Minist of the United States,

Philadelphia, Oct. 26, 1849.

Sir,

~~the~~ Minister of the United States at this date,

Mr. Richard S. McCulloch, has received from
the Trustees of the Princeton College, ^{and forwarded,} the appointment
of Professor of Natural Philosophy in that Institution,
~~and has accepted it.~~ ^{committed to} He has, in consequence of this
appointment, ~~been~~ ^{been} before the President of the United States,
his resignation of the Office of ~~Minister of the United States at this~~
~~date~~ ^{and} ~~to take effect from the appointment of his successor,~~
which he has, ^{by} filled at this date with zeal, fidelity, and
unfailing industry.

To fill the place to be filled, in consequence of this
resignation, requires qualifications rarely to be met with.
Great trust has to be reposed in the officer, and he must
use increasing care to prevent the wastage to which the op-
erations of the Department are peculiarly liable. It is more-
over desirable, if not indispensable, that he be a Chemist,
since the processes of combining, refining, and separating
the metals, which constitute his duties, are all chemical.
There is fortunately a gentleman in this city who combines,
in an eminent degree, the qualifications thus demanded.
I refer to Professor James C. Booth. After completing

his College course in the University of Pennsylvania
he spent three years in the chemical laboratories in
Berlin, Cassel, and Vienna, and since his return,
has made Chemistry his profession, having been Professor
of Chemistry applied to the Arts in the Franklin Institute,
and having established a school for teaching chemical
analysis. Such a man could not fail to bring strength
and character to the Unit. in a department exclusively Chem-
ical.

Ten years ago, on the occurrence of a vacancy in
the same office, I earnestly urged the appointment of
Prof. North; but without success. I ^{now} renew my recom-
mendation ~~again~~ with the same earnestness, and in nearly
the same terms. In confirmation of what I have said,
I think I may take the liberty of referring to your-
self and to Mr. Clayton.

Let me ask that you will do me the honor of
communicating to the President, my views in favor
of the Candidate whom I take the liberty of recommending
to his favor.

P. M. P.

Wm. M. Meredith
Secretary of the University

x For a reason in now way affecting
his character, and which certainly
would not now be made an objection
to his claims.

7, 6th Street, N. York
October 24/49

Sir

The distress of a parent
compells me to leave the United States
for a couple of months. Will you please
to inform me by return of post, whether or
not it is contrary to the rules at the Mint
to allow it to be deposited or not drawn
from there for some time after its issue
and if so whether there is any expense attending
it

Yours obt Servt

Wm. Rowan

To Casar Sprague Esq.

"Willards Hotel"
Washington D.C.
Oct 26 1849

Dr Sir

Can you inform me the value
in current coin of each bag of gold
bullion forwarded to you some days
since? (or the weight of each separately)
as I wish to make a settlement with
my assignee for the same.
An early reply will much oblige.

Yours very Respectfully

H. A. Willard,
per Friend

ref
to
Dea^s of
U.S. Mint
Phila^a

P.S. Please state the current value
of Bullion of like quality.

(See Enclosure marked A). The abstracts sent to you were in like manner conformed to our construction of law, and the standard weights of each deposit multiple.

We did not overlook the fact, however, that in accounts with the Metric Refiner and hence the standard weight must be stated (See § 23 of the Mint Act). In warrants relating to the accounts between those officers & myself, the standard weight is, therefore, expressly set forth, as you will see from the blank form marked B which I enclose. ^{In delivery to the Refiner} ~~The standard weight thus~~ ^{stated} ~~is~~ ^{is} estimated by calculation from the ~~gross~~ ^{total} value of the metal delivered. We have not thought it necessary, for the purposes of the accounts of this office, to set forth both the standard weight and value of each deposit separately, in order to estimate the standard weight of a number of deposits in the aggregate. A record of such separate standard weights is, however, preserved, and the sum of these items is always compared with the weight which we find by calculation from the aggregate value, showing an invariable correspondence. ^{It is} ~~indeed mathematically impossible that the value should be correctly stated, and the standard weight estimated from that value accurately.~~

The abstracts sent to you were prepared in correspondence with the views above set forth; stating values only, as far as the accounts with depositors were concerned, and such values and standard weight when it became necessary to charge or discharge the operations of the office.

In response to your suggestion that a separate abstract ^{should be prepared} for unpaid deposits, I would mention

that the form of abstract sent, including in one ^{abstract} both the paid and unpaid deposits, was selected so as to economize time. An abstract of deposits unpaid could not of course be commenced until the quarter was ended. The number of such deposits at the close of the last quarter, ^{including} both gold and silver, was 213. The preparation of the abstracts necessary to include this large number would consume much time, and interfere with the promptness in the transmission of my accounts which it has always been my aim to secure.

I trust, after these explanations, that you will permit me to return the abstracts in question unaltered.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant

J. R. V.

Dear Sir,

John B. Clark, Esq.

1st And.

I will add that the abstract of paid deposits would, also, have to be prepared after the close of the quarter, unless the deposits were written in the order of their payment instead of the order of their number, which case much inconvenience would probably arise in settling the accounts in your office.

Sir

I have rec^d ——— of each deposit."

The modification of these abstracts has grown out of a change in the tariff of mint charges, which ^{in June last} was promulgated by the Director of the Mint, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Treasury, agreeably to the act of Congress in the case; a copy of which tariff is enclosed.

One leading object of this change, was so to bring down the expenses of ~~parting~~ separating mixed bullion, that depositors of California gold, ~~might~~ ^{containing in the assays} ~~which ordinarily contains~~ eleven per cent. of silver, might have the benefit of that silver, which under the old system ~~would have been~~ ^{was} lost to them; or else, the whole ~~amount~~ ^{might} have been diverted to foreign mints. Consequently the number of ~~partings~~ or double assay-reports upon single deposits, ~~has~~ ^{was} been greatly increased, as soon as the new code went into operation, which was on the first day of the third quarter of the present year. A new Assay Report was therefore adopted, which does

away with the fiction of supposing that A.B. on a certain day brought to the mint two deposits, one of gold and another of silver, when in fact he brought but one; the lesser metal present was made to follow the greater, as an incidental gain, just as the mint charges are an incidental deduction; and an useless budget of reports, warrants, and entries, burdened some to your office as well as to mine, was dispensed with. From that report, I ascertained ascertain, in the case of partible deposits, the net mint value, after additions and deductions, ^{super upon a single warrant of the Gov.} and account for the same to the Depositor.

This change in the mode of the Assayer's Report, induced the omission of the st. wt. in each distinct deposit; because, altho' that wt. could have been exhibited, as you desire, yet it w^d not have answered the purpose which you of course contemplate, namely, that of enabling your clerks to deduce the st. wt. from the value set opposite, & vice versa, by a direct calculation. In any case, when there has been an addition for parting, or a deduction for mint charges, there will not answer to each other.

On referring to the mint law — [down to] inevitable correspondence.

U. S. Mint,
Philad^a Oct. 25, 1842

Gentlemen,

I hope to be able to pay
your gold deposite No. 1528, in about
3 weeks. There are upwards of 200
deposits entitled to payment before yours,
or I should be able to pay yours before
the time I mention.

Very respectfully,
Yours obt^d serv^t

Wm. W. R. Pond & Co.
N. York
109 Nassau St.

Treasury Department
Post Auditor Office
October 24th 1849

Sir

I herewith return your Abstracts of Gold & Silver
Bullion deposited for coinage during the 3^d Quarter of 1849,
and request that they may be made out in conformity with
the old method preserving a Column for the Amount & date
of each deposit which you have omitted in these returns.

I will take this occasion to suggest that in
future separate Abstracts of deposits on paid which were
made during the Quarter, and those paid, which were due
previously to sundries which would I think obviate the
necessity of crowding the Bullion & Coinage Abstracts and
Balance Sheet.

Respectfully
Yours Obedient
J. M. Smith
1st Auditor

To
Alma Ross Francis Esq
Treasurer &c
Philadelphia
Pa

Most Respectfully

Wm. W. P. Phil. Oct. 13, 1849

Dear Sir,

I enclose many thanks for your letter of the 11th inst. It shows, once more, your disposition to oblige us, even at your own inconvenience.

On considering the subject more fully, I am convinced that the services of Dr. Farnum could not possibly be obtained here in time. The vacancy will occur, as I have reason to expect, on the 1st of December, and it must then be filled. My views have been turned upon two persons, — Dr. Farnum & Dr. John B. Smith. The latter, on being applied to, at first declined acting; but he has to day consented to accept the office, and I have no doubt that he will receive it from the President.

We have to thank you for the specimen of the Blaine sands from which the California gold is taken. Although it is not the first that we have received, our assayers are glad to have it, and they will test it, and communicate the result to you.

The question which you ask as to our delay in presenting returns for deposits of gold & silver, was also presented, at the same time, by the Editor of one of our city papers, and, as I am much pressed for time, I take the liberty of sending to you the printed reply.

Ever most truly & respectfully yours
Wm. W. P.

John L. Hepburn, Esq.
New York

[Paper from Penn. Inquirer, 13 Oct. 1849]

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
October 12th 1849

Sir

Your account of Gold and Silver
Bullion, for the 2^d quarter of 1849, has been adjusted
at the Treasury, and a balance of \$ 1,365,362.54
stated to be due from you to the United States -

Consisting of Gold Bullion	63,550,566	\$ 1,152,341.70
Silver Bullion	116,324,943	135,359.94
Gold Coinage		6,087.00
Silver coin		42,573.90
		<u>\$ 1,365,362.54</u>

Very Respectfully
Caleb Whittington
Comptroller

To
James Ross Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia.
Pa.

Office of Third Auditor
of the Treasury, Washington
October 12. 1849

Dear Sir.

I have the receipt of Adams & Co. of this
City, dated 8th inst. for one parcel of Gold Dust to be
forwarded to the Mint in my name for Coinage.

Will you have the goodness to send me,
as heretofore, a mem^o. of the net proceeds of the same,
so soon as ascertained.

Very Respy
Yours Mo. Obit
J. W. Hampton

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Oct. 13, 1849.

Sir, Gentlemen,

The return for the deposits referred
to in your letter of ^{the 11th} yesterday was sent to you
yesterday by Adams & Co., and will no doubt have
been received before this letter.

R. M. P.

Dr.

Thos. Howard, Jr. Esq.

Boston.

Department of the Interior
Oct 14th 1849

My Dear Sir

Your ~~report~~ ^{statement} of the experiments made with the rock & pulverized earth from the Placer in California was highly satisfactory except in one particular - viz. There were several varieties of rock (two or perhaps three) & if they were tried separately you have not advised me of the separate results. It may be as you are aware of much practical importance to know, whether when you have pulverized to the hard rock all the several varieties are equally ~~rich~~ ^{rich} & if ~~they~~ ^{so} whether they be equally ~~rich~~ ^{rich} generally I suppose the quantity is most instructive of gold & it is probably the case here - should it be found so it would then become important to know where were to be found the veins of Quartz - how deep they are situated & by what nature of minerals they ~~are~~ ^{are} thickened. Their dip & its direction, & the size of the ~~veins~~ ^{veins} - all with a view to laying out the land conveniently for mining.

The surface earth I suppose to be a
mixture of all the neighboring mineral
masses in a state of disintegration - being
worn together in nature to within the nucleus
or porous.

If you find the experiments on the several
minerals separately be kind enough to send
me the result of each - if not & you have
not any remaining, & are disposed to try it
please advise me & I will send you what
remains - I have some 8 or 10 lbs of the
stone & about 60 or 70 lbs of the loose earth.

I am very truly

Yours

T. E. Smith

Dear R. Patterson
U. S. Min. Philes

Gold Bullion Mint N. York Oct 15. 1849
U.S. at Phila. Per die

The box of Gold we sent you
by Harnden Express on the 11 inst. contained pack-
-ages marked J. H. Glenn shipped at San Francisco
by him self & weighing there as he says 400 ^{ozs}

also it contained package or packages
marked J. H. Browning shipped from San Francisco
by Jennings & Palmer & by their letter & advice
which is recd this morning weighed 257 ⁶²/₁₀₀ ozs

The Gold marked J. H. Glenn belongs
to him - & the Gold marked J. H. Browning
belongs to Browning - Here with we send you
your receipt (sent us) for six hundred fifty seven
¹⁴⁹/₁₀₀ ozs of Gold - if the different marks as
above have been kept separate you will
please by all means to keep them separate
& in place of the recpt here with sent you
send us two recpts - weighing each parcel of
Gold separate & taking care to have each
party have a recpt for his exact amt.

if the Gold is mixed so that you can
not tell how much each mark weighed
then the ²/₁₀₀ oz which it is short by your
weights must be proportioned to each according
to above weights at San Francisco -

also Jennings & Palmer gave an order to
J. H. Glenn or J. H. Browning for thirteen ozs
of Gold which 13 ozs you will take from their
Gold & put with Glenn & make the recpts
accordingly by adding the 13 oz to Glenn's lot
& send us both recpts to the order of Browning &
Hull by return of mail - we hope the Gold
has been kept separate & safe for you

Browning & Hull

New York Oct 15 - 1829
To the U S Mint

We this Day send
you by Harnden's Express ¹²₂₀ of
California Gold for which please send
us a certificate for its value on the
coin at convenience and Oblige
yours Resp^d.

Moore & Co.
112 Chatham St.

Gold Rec^d.

Philadelphia Oct 15th 1849

Seagr W. Burton - the bearer has been known to the undersigned since his boyhood - he Mr B having lived in his employ for a number of years, during which time he (the undersigned) feels pleasure in bearing his testimony to his integrity industry and business habits -

Joseph Richards
334 Green St.

Philadelphia 16th October 1849

My friend Joseph Richards (whose recommendation of Mr. Burton is above) I have been acquainted with for many years and I have pleasure in an opportunity of expressing my full confidence in any representation he makes -

Robert Taylor

Philad^a Oct. 15th 1849

Sr

I take the liberty of recommending to you as a highly suitable person for a situation in the institution over which you preside, Mr George W. Bertram, the bearer of this note. He is an intelligent and worthy person, and my friend, Mr Joseph Richards, in whose employ he was for a number of years, testifies warmly to his strict integrity and honesty. I leave it, may be in your power to give Mr B. the situation he seeks. I am fully satisfied you could not give it to a more competent or trustworthy person.

Very respectfully

Yours

R. L. Patterson M.D.

Dr R. M. Patterson

N. S. Minch

G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
20 WALL STREET.

New York, Oct. 16. 1849

J. M. Patterson Esq
Director U.S. Mint.
Phila. Pa.

We have your
herewith invoice of Gold Dust sent you
by Adams & Co. Express each parcel of which an
analysis separately analyzed, and certificates
sent to us for the same.

We should be gratified to learn
when we may expect the coin in this instance
and what delay may be expected ordinarily
when dust is sent to the mint - This in-
formation is desired for the benefit of our
correspondents at San Francisco from whom
we anticipate the receipt of large amounts.

Very respectfully
G. S. Robbins & Son

San Francisco, Cal. Oct. 16 1849.

~~Dear~~ Gentlemen,

The gold deposit referred to in your letter of yesterday, having been sent on the last evening, and with-
out ^{particular} instructions to the bankers, was melted down
in one mass, and ~~accepted~~ ^{accepted} for the mass. The divisions
which you desire for different parties cannot therefore
be made with vigor. But as the value per ounce
before melting is ascertained to be \$17.96 3/4, the value
of the parcels, to a ^{fair} approximation, can be easily deter-
mined from the weights at San Francisco.

R. M. O.

Dear,

Messrs. Banning & Hull, }
New York. }

Note Receipt Memorandum sent with the
letter.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Oct. 16, 1849.

Sir,

The Chief Coiner of the Mint sends, to-day,
~~this~~ ^{three} copies in honor of the Scott Medal
by Adams & Co's Express Line, the ^{three} copies in honor
of the Scott Medal, for which you applied in your
letter of the 9th inst.

R. M. P.

Dr.

John D. McPherson, Esq.

Acting Secretary of War,

Washington.

1849
Philadelphia

Minist of the United States.

1849 Philadelphia, Oct. 16, 1849.

Dear Sir,

On the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. our Attorneys were surprised and mortified to find that they had forgotten the rocky specimens which you had sent ^{with} the paleontological notes. These specimens are now in their hands, and will be examined and reported ^{by them} ~~to you~~ as soon as ~~they~~ they can possibly do so.

RMP

Wm. Thomas Barry,
Secretary of the Interior,
Washington.

New York
~~Boston~~ October 17th 1849

To the Director of the United States Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

By Messrs Adams & Co Express I
have this day sent to your mint three Boxes California
Gold Dust which you will please cause to be assayed
each Box separate as they are on different accounts
and send the certificate to me via Adams & Co Express
to Boston. The Boxes are marked ^{2nd} ~~1st~~ and contain -

#1 - 384. 4. 16

2 - 536. 15. 02

3 - 683. 11. 17

and 1624. 11. 09

Please send the value of each
Box separate

Your Humble Servant

James Hume

New York October 18th 1849

Gentlemen, Please inform us by return of mail
whether the gold bullion which we send to you
is coined or if not, when it will be. as it belongs
to two parties we are anxious to know otherwise we
would not trouble you. By obliging us you will
confer a great favor.

Yours &c

Browning & Hull
Drs

Office of the Asst Treas^r U.S.

Boston Octo 15. 1849

Sir,

I beg to inform you
that I have not yet received any return
on account of the Foreign Gold transmitted
to you on the 24th Ultimo, the receipt
of which was acknowledged by you
on the 26th Ult^o.

I am Very Respectfully

Yours obt^d servant

James R. Snowden Esq

Treas^r of U.S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Franklin Haven

Asst^r Treas^r

\$ 37,726

on

2,000 gold acc
35,726
37,726.

Sturhaven Oct 20th /49

Sr - On receiving the certificates I find ^{one} has been
omitted. I have four Mont receipts and have
received but three certificates. The missing one is
10⁰⁰ No 1482

Yours &c, Daniel Trapp

P.S. Please direct your letter to Fairbairn

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

24 Oct 1849.

Sir,

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Drafts payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James R. Snowden Esq

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank.

Willard Hotel
Washington D.C.
Oct. 24. '79-

To the President U.S. Mint at
Philadelphia

Sir I have sent
this day by Adams & Co. Express
two bags of California Gold which
you will please have counted
and placed to my credit &
also on the receipt of the Gold
please forward me a statement
and certificate of the same

Very Respectfully Yours
N.A. Willard

Gold received

Office of the Asst. Treas. U.S.
Boston Oct 23 1849

Sir

I have rec^d your
letter of the 20th inst together
with the money transmitted by
Adams Co —

With my acknowledgments
for your kind attention, I
remain very Resp^t Yours,

Franklin Haven
Asst. Treas. U.S.

J R Snowden, Esq.
Treasurer
Phil?

New York Oct 22/49

Mr Edelman

Dear Sir

yours of 17th was duly
received and you will much oblige
me by sending ~~the~~ word when the coin
will be ready as I have made a deposit
of the amt with the Bowery Bank
New York please inform me soon
and much oblige

W. K. Penckleton

109 Laurens St

N.Y.

P.S. The reason of my wanting to know is
is that I am going to leave the city and
they are not willing to advance me all with-
out knowing when the coin will ~~come~~
ready for them

The Magnetic Telegraph Company.

Between New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington,

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TO THE TELEGRAPHING PUBLIC.

Please write plainly & express quickly; pay per word; use no figures except dates; they cost more; give name, street, and number of the party addressed; to insure prompt delivery; also your own address under your signature; no charge for address and signature. The above is for your safety as well as our convenience.

Office in PHILADELPHIA.....Quincy Granite Building, No. 101 Chestnut St.
Office in NEW-YORK.....No. 3 Nassau Street, Cor. of Beaver St.
Office in BALTIMORE.....No. 2 Maryland Exchange, South Gay St.
Office in WASHINGTON.....Cor. of Louisiana Avenue and Ninth St.

By Telegraph, Dated *John* 1849.

Rec'd, Philadelphia, 1849, o'clk min. M.

To *Director of the Mint*

Advise by telegraph if
the key of gold by the *Merchant*
Bank was rec'd of the 31st

J. F. May Cash.

17/59

Mint Bldg. Oct. 20, 1849.

Gentlemen,

I regret that it is not in my
power to give a satisfactory answer to
your letter of the 18th. There is a large
amount of gold deposits in advance of yours,
and the return for yours cannot be
made without a delay which I think cannot
be less than two weeks.

R. M. S.

Sr.

Messrs Browning & Hull,
New York. }

To 247 Broadway, N.Y.
Oct 20/49
Despatch by Mr. Smith
Dear Sir

I have by mail a statement of the value of
157 1/2 shares (Certificate No 1424) deposited
Oct 10th also the probable time at which the
can for same will be in readiness

I oblige

Yours obdient

Wm. Thompson

Office of U.S.
Philad^a Oct. 20. 1849.

Sir, I have your letter of the 18th inst.,
in relation to your deposits of foreign gold
coin. Many circumstances have combined
to cause some delay in the operation depart-
ments of the Mint, and this renders necessary
a rule, which has been adopted, to pay deposits
in the order in which they stand. Your deposit
is not yet reached, but as I have several
due me as Asst. Treas. U.S. and cannot
at present need the amount, I place yours
in my stead, and therefore send the amount
to day, in the usual way, per Messrs. Adams & Co.
Supposing that it would be an accommodation
to you. I send part of the amt, \$2000 in gold,
In other gold coins 55726
Amount 57,726

Very respectfully,

(signed)

W. Howard Esq,
Asst. Treas. U.S.
Boston.

James Richardson
Treas.

Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa

New York Oct 20/49

I forwarded you some
days since for Coinage a lot of gold
as per receipt of Register. Will you
be so kind as to inform me at what
time I may have the assayers stuff, that
I may know when to send for it.

Yr truly
Joseph Stantonburgh
140 Pearl Street
N. Y.

1013- I flatter myself that I have sent you
the best specimen that you have received
as yet

Yours
J. S.

Inquirer Office,
Oct. 12. 1849.

Gentlemen:

We have received several communications in relation to the delay in obtaining the coin from the Mint, after deposits of gold dust.

Will you be good enough to furnish the required information?

Respectfully yours

John H. Adams

Messrs R. M. Patterson
& L. Ross Snowden,
U. S. Mint.

To Secretary of The Mint

Dear Sir we received your Memoranda of 1594
of California gold & upon melting you
find it to be 275 in fineness which is much
less than an assay that we made of it a
few weeks in Charles Savage of New York who
also made an assay of the same & who pronounced
But 275 grains of silver to the ounce & from gold
which we have a mark, we think that there
is a mistake you will please by letter to
inform us of the gold & as to when we can have
the money as we have some business in Philadelphia
which we will defer until we can learn from
you when it will be ready

We remain with great respect

Haight & Bonstedt 59 Montross Ave
Williamsburgh

To
Mr Marsh 18th Aug

Mail } Boston, October 11. 1849
Paid }

To the Directors of }
the U. S. Mint, } Philadelphia

Dr. Sir,

We handed Messrs Adams & Co an Order
for a Package of Gold Dust on
14th Sept

weighing 24 oz. 1 dw. & 15 gr. which
they deposited at the Mint in 2 on
3 days afterwards. We hoped to
have recd the Coin a week or
2 since, & the object of this is
to enquire when we can probly
depend on it. We are anxious

to make up an account for the
mail which goes out per "Empire
City" to Charles, which steamer
is to sail from New York 16th Inst.

If you can favour in any way
in this matter you will much
oblige, Yrs very truly,
Howard, Bond & Co

Private & Confidential

New York 11th October 1849

My dear Sir

I have before me your letter relating to our good friend Dr. Parrish's engagement with W.H. The original stipulation with W.H. was made for one year - He, binding himself to remain another, should we so elect - By a late steamer I had a letter from the Doctor, saying that he did not think he had been able to render services sufficient to compensate us for the expense we now are in retaining him, and intimating a desire to return this fall - Meanwhile I had projected a matter which promised a handsome return, and had offered him, together with an endowment, a share in the profits - so that just at the moment, I am unable to say whether the matter would offer the Dr. sufficient inducement to stay, create content, or whether under the California excitement the project can be carried out - I had hoped the Empire City would have brought letters in which to have an opinion, & still

Hope the Ohio, may. I differ with Doctor Sannum
as to his usefulness - and he is certainly under
engagements to remain - but at the same time
I should not be satisfied in retaining him at
San Francisco, unless he were entirely content. - particularly
as you have so pleasant a prospect to offer him.
A letter leaving this on the 16th would reach him
before the end of November & he might be here
early in January - and if you desire, I will write
him of that Engagement, releasing him from his
engagement, provided there be no good reason on
the part of our agent for retaining him for
the next summer, or the interests of the project I
have alluded to, do not demand his attention -
the chances are in favor of his being able to
come by the December boat. I have taken the
liberty of sending to the Mint a specimen of
some of the black sands from which the California
gold is extracted; you may have plenty of it
already - if you have the time to test its quality
by the agency of fire, I should be glad to have
the results. It may be very much out of

place, but I venture to enquire whether some plan
could not be hit on for expediting the receipt of
the yield of gold deposited with the Mint. I
mention this matter, because I hear many complaints
of the time consumed between the deposits of the
dust and the receipt of the Coin. - As the most
convenient method, I have hitherto given an order
to Messrs. Ruben & Liden & Co., who for a Commission
engage to take in the Precious metal and return it
the moment it can be collected from the Mint;
of the parcel which came by the Empire City early
in September, we did not receive any portion
until the 1st October, and the balance was
only handed to us yesterday - I understood
that the Encumbrance was to have funds with
you in which a payment on account could
at once be made - the item of 20 to 30 days
interest on large amounts, is a serious one to our
Merchants. - Perhaps you could make some
useful suggestion to me on the subject - as I
naturally feel a great interest in it - expecting to
continue among those who receive the metal
to R M Patterson Esq. & Co. J. A. C. Esq.

U.S. Mint

Oct. 10, 1849

Dear Sir

I have now the pleasure of communicating the result of the examination made by Mr Eckfeldt, Assayer of the Mint, of the sample of earth from the California gold region, sent by you for that purpose. The examination has proved more interesting than was anticipated. Our first impression was, that the measure of a spade-full would be a very unreliable assay, for a region computed to contain many thousands square miles, or even for a single small locality. That impression is since modified, by the consideration, that this sample must have been judiciously selected, as showing the general character of the mining ground, in that great territory. A correspondent of ours, now at San Francisco, Dr. Joseph W. Farnum, late Assayer of the Branch Mint in Georgia, a gentleman whose cautious and

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skillful observation is entitled to implicit confidence,
writes thus, under date of August 1st. - "No one can
entertain a reasonable doubt, that gold will continue,
for some years, the great staple product of this country.
It is found over a great extent of surface, and depos-
ited with a richness of profusion, which, all I have
read in relation to gold deposits, induces me to think
unparalleled. The surface of the mountains, from
their bases to their tops, consists of a reddish clay,
resting immediately upon the primitive rocks. - It is
through this extensive clayey deposit, that the
gold is disseminated, in pieces of various sizes. -

During the rainy season, and at the time of the
melting of the snow, it is washed down into the ravines,
and small tributaries of the rivers, from which it
gradually reaches the main valleys of the latter. - The
gold of the ravines ("dry diggings") is generally in pieces
of irregular shapes, frequently containing fragments of
quartz, and almost always covered, in their cavities,
with red clay; while in the bars of the river beds,
it is found in scales, polished by the action of the
current, in a rocky bed; and diminishing in size, as
the distance from the head increases." The above
extract, while it gives a good condensed description of
the mining region, without stating any thing new, at the
same time confirms us in the opinion that ~~the~~ you
have sent us a fair and specimen, and well worth exam-
ining, of one variety of the gold diggings, namely, that
of the bed or margin of the streams of water. ~~There-~~
~~is, as you are aware~~ Among other evidences of a wet
locality, is that of the spangle-like shape of the grains
of gold contained in it; so remarkably different from
the amorphous, lumpy pieces of the "dry diggings."
Mr Eckfeldt has made four trials, of the

substance in question. ~~The first was rather good~~ As a preliminary requisite, the sample which was mostly in stones, without much loose earth, was ground to powder in a sweep-mill attached to our machinery. The colour of the powder is not easily fixed in terms - it is reddish, ~~or~~ yellowish, or brownish. - The first trial was rather qualitative; to see if it contained gold at all, and upon four ounces, there was washed out, by hand and basin, so much as would answer to 109 grains per hundred pounds, ^{which weight is} ~~also~~ usually taken as the equivalent of a hushel, ^{the measure} by which latter measure, miners are accustomed to estimate. - The presence of gold being ascertained, subsequent experiments were made, with ^{three} ~~two~~ objects in view; first, to ascertain ^{critically} the proportion of gold; - secondly, the best way of getting it out in a practical, large operation; and lastly, what proportion of the metal, ~~could~~ as compared with analysis,

could be profitably extracted.

At the second experiment, one kilogramme (32.15625 troy oz., or 15,435 grains) of the pulverized ~~rock~~ ^{earth} was taken; and the same quantity for the two succeeding operations. This second trial gave, by the first washing, 364 milligrammes; by the second, only 6 m.; the whole equal to 5.65 grains; and to the 100 lbs. above, 256 ^{1/2} grains; say ten dollars, at standard fineness, ~~for~~ ^{the} single weighing 258. ^{grains} -

The third experiment gave, by the first washing, 956 m.; and 3 m. ^{more} by the second.

The fourth gave, first washing, 489 m.; second washing, 3 m. more; third washing, none; and lastly, a fourth washing, which was of the very light alluvial stuff which went off from the first washing, and concerning which it was deemed ^{interesting} ~~curious~~ not to say important, enough, to find whether it contained any gold at all, there was an additional 1st milligramme.

^{to be considered, has regard}
 The next point, as to the best mode of insulating the gold, in practical operations. - The foregoing experiments speak only of washing. Mr Eckfeldt's method was to wash down the kilogramme to a few pennyweights, containing the coarser bits of pebble, with the black sand, and the gold. This gold could then have been got out without amalgamation, but for convenience & expedition, he made use of mercury, ^{after} nearly every washing. He considers it however, essentially & principally a washing operation, and so far as this experiment goes, ^{he judges it} the best method of extraction. It was not found necessary to resort to the aid of muriatic acid, as the levigation had already effected a good adhering surface for the amalgamation.

Lastly, it appears from these experiments, that a moderately careful washing produces nearly all the gold, or brings it into a narrow and manageable compass, for recovery. It is not as in our Atlantic

mines, where the gold is disseminated in pyritous ores, and often in an invisible powder. There, there is a wide difference, so far as we can learn, between the various 'yields' of washing, amalgamating, and smelting; and a still wider, between the analytical and practical results. Judging from the preceding statements, the same cannot be said of the California mining region.

In your last letter, you spoke of the use of sea-salt, in the Spanish mines. That was for silver ores only, and its operation is to convert the silver into a chloride, which afterwards is returned to the metallic condition by the chlorine being given up to the mercury, in the process of amalgamation.

Very respectfully yours
 R. W. B.

Hon. Thomas P. Canning,
 Secretary of the Interior.

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To.....*Director of the Mint*

*If any coinisters are
enclosed in our boxes
please make separate
assay*

John Hewitt

12/29

Coast Survey Station near
Orland Maine Oct 21 1849

Dear Sir-

I beg to recommend to you for the place of
melter and refiner in the U. S. Mint which I under-
stand is about to be vacated by Professor R. S. McCulloch
J. B. Reynolds Esq of Philadelphia, who has for many
years been known to me as a successful cultivator of
practical science. Although the qualifications of this
gentleman have recently been fully tested under your
immediate observation and that of Professor McCul-
loch, and no doubt afford the best evidence of his com-
petence for this post, it is due to him that I should
speak of his valuable services as assistant in the
magnetic and meteorological observatory of the Ger-
ard College which was under my direction, and of his
own recent and very valuable assistance in the ex-
periments on sugars, by thermometers, also under my
charge. In these latter experiments his skill as a
manipulator as well as his knowledge as a chemist
were severely tried.

The admirable moral character and
social qualities of Mr. Reynolds recommend him as

you know very highly as an associate in the
Public service.

Very respectfully & truly Yours
A. D. Bach

Wm. R. M. Patterson
Director, U.S. Mint.

Dear Sir
New York Oct 9. 1849
I have just received from
you of the 1st inst. -
and in reply to inform you
that I have received the same
and am sending it to you
by Adams & Co. Express of the 8th inst.

I am very glad to hear of the
30 July to be the information therein contained
but the ship referred to, only arrived this day from
London - (See Magazine) & it was very far from
the office by Adams & Co. Express of the 8th inst.
enclosed is $\text{D} 102$ - 2 sheets containing

157 blanks & 157
which I beg you to have carried into Ten cent
plates (Dimes) & if the old coin of the Eagle stamp
are now carried I would prefer that they be if not
then the new one, or some other figure - If you

Statement showing the amount of taxes paid
by the United States on its present United Property
in the County of Clark St. in

year	noted after	Sum paid
1832	Q. 1, County - present tax	216
1833		676
1834		676
1835		728
1836		680
1837		680
1838		820
1839		824
1840		932
1841		972
1842		950
		<u>8654</u>

War Department,
Washington, Oct. 9. 1869

Sir,

The Secretary of War requests that
you will please forward to this Department
three copies in bronze of the Scott medal.

Very respectfully
Yours Obedt. Servt.
Fred. M. Thierson
Actg Secy of War

Dr. R. W. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Private & Confidential

Mont. N. H. Phil. Oct. 8/47

Dear Sir,

I have reason to believe that the present opinion
filling the place of matter & before at the same will soon
prevent his resignation. I am very anxious, in this matter,
that the same should prevent the services of Dr. Harnum. Let
me then beg you to inform me whether his engagement with you
is such as will permit his early removal, and whether
in any case you will assent to his removal, and at what
time. If he has free to act in this matter, pray let me
know in what time a letter could reach him, and in
what time he could get home.

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R. M. P.

John L. Chapinall, Esq.

New York

Minut of the United States.

Philadelphia, Feb 8, 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst., inquiring whether the employment of additional force might not, in some degree, prevent the delay at the Mint in paying the deposits of bullion for coinage.

In answer, I have to state that the real difficulty has arisen, not from the quantity, but the character of the California gold, ~~and of which which is such as to require that all this gold shall be melted down with three times its weight of silver, the silver afterwards withdrawn by motive power, and undergo the process of parting.~~ In this ~~process, some~~ operation, upon so large a scale, our ^{arrangements were} ~~laboratory~~ was not sufficient, and Mr. Muller & Stearns, Mr. McCulloch, had committed to him the duty of enlarging ~~and altering~~ his apparatus. In doing this, he introduced some changes, in which he placed great confidence, but which increased the expense and the time required. During the whole this work was in progress, an ^{equal number} ~~number~~ of ~~specimens~~ was not ^{demanded.} ~~demanded.~~ But now it is ^{completely} ~~completed~~, as to be

set in ~~in~~ full operation, and to the right signal hands in this department have been added. The work is now going on more rapidly; and but if I find that it is still not ~~sufficiently~~ ^{well} so to keep pace with the depots, I will not hesitate ^{farther} to ~~impose still more~~ affirmative ~~and~~ on force still more

R. M. Patterson

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Mr. Wm. M. Meredith,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Mint of the United States
October 8. 1849

Sir

In answer to yours of the 5th, just received, I have to inform you, that the bar of silver was rejected in accordance with a regulation of the Mint, that deposits must be of not less value than one hundred dollars. A very remarkable exception happened in your case, of the 9th August last, which no doubt has been the cause of misunderstanding on your part. The bar then deposited, gave a return of only \$65.94, being but 585 thousandths fine; a very different result from what was hastily presumed, from its whitened surface.

I may add, that silver of so low a grade, even if it exceeds one hundred dollars in value, is taken at the Mint as a matter of accommodation, and might under the law be declined.

Very respectfully &c.

Warrington Bank
Oct 8 1829

Rebrowden Esq

Dear Sir:

We would like to get some
Dorrs in, Galley in exchange for you. I believe
such exchanges are only exceptions to your rules, but
perhaps you may have the allopathy to spare
at the present writing - and if you cannot I
will be no worse off than I am.

Write me if convenient by next mail. I can
furnish you with the box or keys if you have
not got the article put up.

Please give our kind remembrance to your
good lady and your estimable parents.

Yours
J. W. Warrington

"No paper loafs better than no loaf."

Treasury Department
October 5. 1849.

Sir

It has been suggested that the delay of
the Mint in paying the deposits of bullion for coinage,
caused by the paucity of the minters, might, at least in
some degree, be prevented by the employment of additional
presses. Be pleased to let me have your views on
the subject.

I am very Respectfully

Wm M Meredith

Sec of the Treasury.

H. W. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

Will oblige me by
informing me of the cause that
the box of dishes sent on the
1st inst. to print, was returned
as sent, without any note or letter.

Yours
New York, Oct. 5. 1849. Respectfully,
Chas. Guine

Mint of the United States,
Phila. Oct. 4, 1849

Sir, Your letter of the 1st inst. is received, and
in compliance with your request I enclose
you the Memo^r of the value of your deposits.
Two pay in the order in which deposits are
made, ^{they will not be ready for three to four weeks.} ~~I hope to be able to reach you~~
~~in all next week.~~

It is payable to you on the presenta-
tion of the Mint receipt, or to such person as
may present it with your endorsement thereon.

Very Respectfully
Yours &c. &c.

James R. Smith
Treasurer

J. B. Coughdon Esq
Cash. Merchants Bank
New Bedford.

Trust of the United States.
Phil^a Oct. 4. 1845

Sir,

Your letter of the 28. th ult. is received, and
as requested I enclose you the Memo^r. of the
value of your deposits. We pay in the order
in which deposits are made, your bill not as yet
~~I will be able to pay the amount~~
for them a few weeks; it is payable on the
presentation of the Certificate of deposits, properly
endorsed, ~~for the same~~.

Very Respectfully
yours W. A. Smith.

James R. Trueman
Treas^r.

Charles H. Pitt Esq^r
N^o. 112 Commerce St.
Balt^e

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Minist of the United States.

Philadelphia, October 24, 1849.

Sir,

In your letter of the 26th ult., you ask my attention to certain inquiries made by Baron Humboldt, and I now have the honor of presenting all the information that I possess on the subject.

The largest lump of gold discovered in the United States was found in Cabarrus County, North Carolina. It lay near the surface of the ground, and was accidentally turned up by a negro. It weighed, in the crude state, 28 pounds avoirdupois. [William's Journal, vol. IX.] The lump was melted and cast into bars; and it is believed to have been the same parcel which was brought to the Mint in May 1824, and which constituted the first deposit of United States gold. Its value was \$4850. — This lump is undoubtedly the same as that referred to by Baron Humboldt, although the latter is stated to have been found in the adjacent county of Surron, and claims a much greater weight.

The largest native lump received ^{at the Mint} from Georgia weighed $35\frac{1}{2}$ ounces troy, and was worth \$700.

We have in the Mint a lump of ~~Latin~~ gold found in Spottsylvania County, Virginia, of which the weight is $25\frac{3}{8}$ ounces troy, — the fineness 900 thousandths, — and the value \$1179. \$460.

The largest lump of California gold that has been seen here, was brought from the placers by ~~Leitch~~ Lieut. Beale. It weighed 80.95 ounces troy, was 921 thousandths fine, and, after the usual deduction for earthy matter, was estimated to be worth \$1499.80. This lump is still retained unaltered.

In a letter from California, addressed to the Assayer of the Mint, by Dr. J. M. Farnum, ~~to~~ a ^{yet} ~~small~~ larger lump of gold is mentioned. He says: "The largest specimen of gold which I have yet seen weighs about fifteen pounds, [150 oz. troy, &]. As there was a considerable portion of stone attached to it, I do not think its mint value more than \$2000, though it was bought by the British Consul for nearly \$4000."

We have no evidence of the existence of Platina, in company with the gold found in the Atlantic States; but it is certainly present in that obtained from California. It may be seen, with the naked eye, among

the spangles of gold, and in a similar form. It is accompanied however by its usual attendants, — osmium, iridium, &c. Our Assayer, in a report made to me, says: — "We have not yet determined what amount of this metal appears with the gold deposited for coinage. Owing partly to its known intractability, and partly to its crude condition, it is scarcely at all fused with the gold, but it is to be seen, after the melting, in its original form, dotted upon the surface of the gold bars. What does enter into combination with the gold is scarcely appreciable, and does not disturb the assay, or deteriorate the metal for coinage or manufacturing purposes. Taking it altogether, whether fused or not, our present impression is, that it exists in but small relative quantity, and will not be worth seeking after for its own sake."

The opinion long since declared by Baron Humboldt, that Diamonds would be found in the "Southern gold-washings of the Alleghanies," has been fully confirmed by the discovery of several diamonds in this region.

The first that was placed in my hands was sent to me, in November 1845, by James F. Cooper Esq.,

Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Dahlburga. It was found in Wilk County, Georgia, by a workman engaged in washing for gold. It weighed 6.8 grains Troy, corresponding to $8\frac{1}{2}$ Carat grains, or to $2\frac{1}{4}$ carats. Its specific gravity was 3.54. It was perfectly crystallized, but with the curved surfaces characteristic of this gem. Its form seems to correspond with that called by Staley "diamond spheroblastic" ^{bluish} "voidal compressed." It was without, very clear, and would no doubt prove, when cut and polished, to be of the first water. Mr. Cooper stated that two other diamonds had been found in the same locality, and that one of them had been sent to England, and there pronounced to be genuine. One which weighed 3 carats, believed to be the first of these two, was brought to Philadelphia, and, with that of $2\frac{1}{4}$ carats, is in the possession of Mr. Isaac Phillips, a gentleman thoroughly acquainted with these gems. A diamond weighing 9 grains was shown at the Mint in 1848. Two have recently been brought to Philadelphia which weigh 6 grains each. There are, no doubt, many others, which have not been made known to me.

Diamonds have also been found in the gold regions of North Carolina.

One of these was brought, about the year 1836, by Mr. Thomas G. Cleason, and was the first known to have been met with in the United States. According to Mr. Feuchtwanger's word in Geneva, it weighed $1\frac{1}{2}$ carats. Mr. Isaac Phillips, who saw it, says it much resembled that first received from Georgia. Another diamond from North Carolina was shown to Mr. Phillips in 1842. It weighed $2\frac{1}{2}$ grains, and resembled the above in form and quality. In the year 1845, Prof. Shepard exhibited, at a scientific meeting in New York, a diamond found in Buncombe County, in what are there called the "Aral Mountains." The weight is not mentioned, but the value was estimated at 35 dollars.

We have seen no diamonds from California, though rumors of their existence there are frequently heard. In the latest number of *Silliman's Journal*, (September, 1849,) the Editor says: "We learn from a reliable source that the diamond occurs in the California placers. The writer, - Rev. Mr. Lyman, - describes a crystal seen by him, of a straw-yellow color, having the usual convex faces, and about the size of a small pea. He saw the crystal

but for a few moments, and had no opportunity
for close examination; but the appearance and
form left little doubt that it was a true di-
amond."

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

W. W. Patterson,

Mr. John M. Clayton }
Secretary of State. }

Director

Postscript. I send herewith a sheet taken from
the "Manual of Coins", written by an Assayer, Messrs.
Pekfield and DeBris; and I am sure that it con-
tains information which will be acceptable to Baron
Humboldt.

Treasury Department

First Auditor Office

October 3^d 1849

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Accounts of Gold & Silver Bullion for the Quarter Ending 30 September ult.

Respectfully

Yours Obedt Servant

A. Mack

First Auditor

James Rice Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia

Department of the Interior
Oct 2nd 1849

Dear Sir,

I see by looking into Gambou's
mining volucencies of Spain. That See
Satt is used with guile in men-
cing the ore. - It is said to hasten the pro-
cess of amalgamation so that it is
complete in one day. - You will find
it under the title of Reduction of
Ore. - The date is mixed with some
vagueness unknown to me. - Magistral
• Agua de Lavilla - Something I sup-
pose which sets free the Hydro Chloric
acid & allows it to combine with the
metals. - I would be glad to be ac-
quainted of the progress of your experiments
I am very truly

Yours

T. Erving

Dear

R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

United States Mint
Philad^a, October 2^d, 1849.

Sir,
I herewith forward you, the
accounts of the operations of the Mint
in gold and silver bullion for the quarter
ending the 30th day of September, 1849,
which I hope you will find to be
correct.

Very respectfully,
Your O^bt. Servant,

(signed)
Jas. R. Snowden

Heav.

Wm C. Clark, Esq.
First Auditor of the Treasury
Washington.

Treasury Department
Oct 1st 1869

Sir

Your note of the 26th ult. Mr McKean states that a set of scales of excellent workmanship by Rogers & Co may be obtained in the office of Assistant Treasurer at Charleston for the sum of \$300 including the case.

May I request you to peruse this set in behalf of this Department? Please direct it to be put into proper order for transportation by the Steam Packet - and when the usual bill of lading showing its shipment to be delivered to Mr McKean Assistant Treasurer at Charleston shall be presented, you will be pleased to certify the bill of the cost, not to exceed the sum above stated, which will be settled as soon as received here by the accounting office and a draft remitted for the amount either in your city or New York as may be desired.

I will thank you to send the bill of lading to Mr McKean as soon as presented, that he may take charge of the package as soon as it arrives. Very respectfully
your obed^t serv^t

W. M. Patterson

Secretary of the Mint

Philadelphia

W. M. Patterson

Assistant Treasurer

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
October 1st 1849.

Sir
Your Copper Coinage account
for the 2^d quarter of 1849, has been adjusted
at the Treasury, and a balance of \$6,253.²⁴/₁₀₀
stated to be due from you to the United States -
Consisting of - Copper 4,114.¹⁹/₁₀₀
Copper Coinage 2,138.⁸⁵/₁₀₀
\$ 6,253.⁰⁴/₁₀₀

Very Respectfully
Elisha Whittelsey
Comptroller

James Rop Inwood Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Springfield Oct. 1st 1849.

Dear Sir,

I addressed a few lines to
you some time since, begging the
favor of a loan of your millinery -
- machines - patterns, I imagined
from the time that has elapsed
since, that my letter miscarried.

Mr. Tyler is now well prepared
to do this work for us, and I
am desirous of employing my time
advantageously whilst I remain.

Mr. Tyler thinks that the propeller
- line via Hartford would be the
best way to send them.

I should say from the almost
daily letters I receive from Mr. Urban
that the repairs &c, in the Coining-
- department are being forwarded
with energy and speed.

Respectfully your
obt. servant
John Brooks
Coiner

Dr. W. M. Patterson
Director,

Philad^a - 1. Oct. 1849

Dear Dr.

I have required several days to consider a step so important as the one you proposed to me, & after weighing all that could be urged for & against it, I am satisfied that it would be injurious to my present business to seek for the position you propose. I am obliged, very much indebted to you for the kindness you evinced on a former occasion in relation to the same position, altho the application was unsuccessful, & not less indebted to you for your present attention when I am satisfied we would be successful. I regret the conclusion to which the whole situation of my business compels me, as I have long desired the position in question, for its own sake & for the sake of association with the officers of the Mint.

There are others who would fill the position with credit to themselves, & I believe with advantage to the Government. What do you think of Reynolds? I do not know the extent of his chemical knowledge, but I like his capacity & industrious habits. Wettenill has been in a good school, & I have heard him well spoken of as a student at College. He requires doubtless some experience, but his good basis will enable him to acquire that in a short time. There is a German ~~here~~ in this country of the name of Jenck, now engaged as smelter & refiner of the new Washington Mining Co., N. Carolina. He was Bunsen's assistant for 5 years, & is I believe a most thorough Chemist. I entertain rather higher opinion

of Bruner than of Liebig & many other celebrated names.
All his investigations have been of the most masterly kind
& thoroughly practical. His attention has been chiefly
devoted to Metallurgic Chemistry.

There is still another German Chemist, one of Liebig's
favorite pupils, now at Lowell, Mass., a most thorough
chemist. But I believe he is a better organic than metallurgic
chemist.

These are all the names I know of at present; any
one of whom may I think be recommended with confidence.

With great respect, yours

Dr R. M. Patterson

J. A. Booth

Ch. S. Mint

Philad^a

MERCHANTS BANK.

New Bedford, Oct. 1. 1849.

Dear Sir:

~~I have received your favor of the~~

~~If enclosed for collection~~

Shells mint
Receipt No: 1294. In 135 ⁸⁰/₁₀₀
uncut gold.

Returning that the
Coin is now ready, & with You
to inform me the amount to which
I am entitled since the Coin must
be used to obtain it.

Treasury Department

Post Auditors Office

October 1st 1879

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your
statement of Copper & ordinary expenditures for the Quarter ending
30th September inst.

Respectfully

Yours truly

M. H. Miller

Acting Auditor

To

James R. Shandon Esq

Treasurer

Philadelphia

Pa

Pearl Street House
New York

Mr Sprague

will you be so good
as to send me the value of my several lots of
gold to this ~~place~~ ^{place} at your earliest convenience

and also the earliest day I can
probably get the gold, and very much
oblige your old friend

& obt. Servt

J. W. Thomas

Mint of the United States
October 30. 1849

~~Messrs. Wright & Brinley~~

Gentlemen,

I have just referred
your inquiry respecting Gold Deposit No 1594,
to our Assayers, who inform me, that in consequence
of the assertion made by the ^{member} gentleman of your firm
who brought the gold, that he "had refined it to
24 carats." They made double assays of it, although
there was nothing in its appearance to indicate
that it was better than other California gold.
Those assays confirmed each other, making a fine-
ness of 875 thousandths, which answers to 21 carats.
The amount of silver contained, was 122 thousandths,
which, reduced to the terms used in your letter,
is equal to 58½ grs per ounce. Your statements
that Mr. Savage of N. York found "118 grains of silver
to the ounce," which is much worse than our assay,
and yet that the gold had been refined to 24
carats, are inexplicable. I am quite satisfied that
our Assayers have done you justice.

In regard to the time of payment, I cannot

Speak with certainty; but I fear that there may
be a delay of three weeks.

RWP

Dr.

Miss Haught & Brewster.

Assay office Oct 29th 1849

Assay and value of Silver sweep in the
Mellor & Refiners Department U.S. Mint

Weight of sweep as reported by the MMR 1814 lbs
Gold and Silver contained by assay }
\$42.34 per cwt equal to \$685.75

Assay and value of Sink Sweep

Weight of sweep as reported by MMR 1561 lbs

Gold and Silver contained by assay }
\$39.77 per cwt equal to \$554.29

Certified by
J. R. Catepeter
Assayer

Office Asst Treasurer
Charleston 29 Oct 1849

Sir

Under date of 1st Oct Imt the
Secy of the Treasury advised me that he
had directed you to ~~procure~~ select & purchase
a set of scales & weights suitable for
weighing foreign gold inasmuch as the
small set I have, is entirely inadequate
to meet the wants of the Office - Their
utmost capacity is the value of about
\$650. and when foreign coin is paid
me I am under the necessity of taking
it to one of our Banks to be weighed

I am very much in want of
a good set of scales and will thank
you to execute the order of Mr. Meredith
with as little delay as possible and ship
them by either of the line steamers plying
between Phil^a and this City -

Very Respectfully
Yr Obedt Servt

Wm. Warrington

Asst Treasurer

To the Superintendent
of the Mint
Philadelphia

New York Oct 24 1869

Sir,

I have seen Bulletin Number
No 378 dated Phila Oct 13 1869, for
which I am very glad if the value be
ascertained, that I may be advised thereof.
Trusting you will excuse the trouble
I give you.

Yours,

Very respectfully Sir,

Edmund

77 South St

To
The Treas^r of
N. S. Mount
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a, October 29, 1849.

Dear Sir, Your letter of the 26th inst. was
misdirected to New York, and was received
by me this day.

The gold you sent was brought to the
Mint by Mr. Newton, of Mass. Adams &c.
it was in two small bags tied together, in
the absence of instructions to the contrary, Mr. Newton
supposed they were to be put together and so
directed it. We have therefore no means of
ascertaining the weight & value of each bag
separately. My weighing Clerk, Mr. Sprague,
says there was no mark on either of them, and
that his impression is that they appeared to be
about of equal size and weight.

I enclose the memorandum of the value
of the deposit, which I will pay on the pre-
sentation of the Mint receipt properly endorsed.

Very respectfully,
Yours for M^y

Signed J. R. Snowden
Mint

W. A. Willard Esq.
Washington City

San Francisco Nov 30th 1849.

To the Presiding Officer U. States Court

Philadelphia

Sir,

We have this

day shipped by the Steamer Unicorn which sails tomorrow,
Six hundred Twenty five boxes of Gold Dust, (625 lbs.) valued
at Ten Thousand dollars, (\$10,000) to your care for Carriage
the proceeds to be held subject to the order of William P Phillips
of Salem, Mass.

We have advised Mr Phillips of this remittance and
enclosed to him the necessary documents from Macomber & Co
who insure the dust to your hands:-

We remain Yours, Respectfully

John Lovett, & others

owners of Ship Cleopatra,

Salem, Mass.

(Copy)

San Francisco Nov 30. 1849

Mr. Nathl. Shepard
Dear Sir

As this goes to you instead of the mint, I will describe the Gold so far as my memory will allow. Mr. Perkins saved up the packages without noting the marks on the papers. I have taken much pains to exchange poor for good parcels of dust. I wish you to examine the various parcels as they are entirely different.

One marked #12- is the "Yellow River" Gold as also the one of Cap. Waters and very extra. A package of #11 off an iron dog designs & are fine specimens & beautiful. One #17 & is the only one I have seen of the kind like meal. In another small package ^{the} the large lump is a lump worked with quicksilver.

I should like to know the relative value or result in comparison to the others. I have been inclined to reject this kind.

The gold in which the quicksilver lump may be found is also rare & beautiful.

Signed

Alfred Peabody.

To the Treasurer of the Mint
of the United States
Philadelphia

Salem Mass^y Feb^y 7 1850

Sir

By express I forward to you from
New York a box of Gold Dust mailed

" Michael Shepard, Salem Mass^y "
Counter sunk & sealed P

which you will please have coined for me & held subject to
my order. - Annexed is the shippers account of the
several parcels of dust; you will please notice what is said
of the part worked by David Silver & if convenient note the
product on your memo.

Very Respectfully Yours &c
Mich^l Shepard

\$11,700 in gold dust
at 16 dol^s per ounce

Washington
Nov. 24

Sir,

The paragraph to which you re-
fer, in the Republic of the 22d was
not in our editorial column. It was cut
from the New York Express, and appeared
simultaneously in several of the New
York papers — as I understand from the
gentleman who has charge of the news
department of the R. I regret that it
is not in my power to inform you
in what English paper the report orig-
inated — but I apprehend that there
can be no doubt of its having appeared
"in late English paper."

Very respectfully
John O. Sargent

To

R. M. Patterson Esq
Philadelphia

Private

Mint of U.S.

Philad^a. Nov. 28. 1859

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of yours of the 24th inst. I have also an opportunity of expressing my gratification at the turn which was given to my inquiry, by an editorial article in the "Republic" of the 26th.

That inquiry, which has received so honorable a treatment on your part, was prompted by the new version, evidently not originating with you, of ~~the~~^{an} article in the N. Y. Evening Post, headed "False Mintage," and commencing - "For many years, we understand, the Bank of England has refused to make advances upon American gold coin." You will observe how materially different is a story, ^{purportedly} of many years' standing, commencing with the New York Post, from a new allegation, just extracted from "late English papers." The former is simply vexatious, the latter highly injurious.

I will add, that upon the appearance of the "False Mintage" article in the N. Y. papers, an hon. member of Congress from that city

Mr. J. Phillips Phoenix, immediately enclosed the
slip to me, and elicited a reply, which, at his
request, I have since allowed to go to the public,
and which, if you think it worth copying,
you will find in some of the papers of that
city, probably of to-day's date.

Very respectfully

John O. Sargent Esq.
~~Daily~~ "Republic" daily paper
Washington

Wm. W. S.
Phil.

Nov. 27, 1849.

Dear Sir,

I do not object to the publication of
my letter regarding the attack upon the accuracy
of our assays; but I wish the other to remain
private for the present. I am led to this prin-
ciple by a letter which I have received this
morning from Mr. Duer, which includes the same
subject, but extends it to other points not considered

Yours
W. W. S.

Wm. W. S.
Mr. W. Phillips, Phoenix, N. C.
New York.

My
Marshall St Brooklyn
Nov 27 1849

Dear Sir

The bearer of this Samuel Longman
wife pay you 1921¹⁰/₁₀₀ dolls being in full
for the two lots of Sweeps you will be pleased
to deliver it to him or send it by the Canal
line for New York and send the bill of
Laden by Mail Also I am willing to
take any more Sweeps on the same terms

you will confer great favour if you will
let my son see your parting form

Yours Respectfully yours

Wm Longman

Wm R S

McCluck

16 S M

21 10

17 90

18 50

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

27 Nov 1849.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Drafts payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James K. Snowden Esq

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia,
Nov. 27, 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor to send herewith a
statement of the Deposits and Coinage at the
Mint and its Branches in the Month of October.

I also send, ^{in compliance with} ~~at~~ the request made in your
letter of yesterday, a copy of the similar
report of the operations of the Mint and Branches
for August last.

The amount of deposits of California Gold, at
this Mint, from the beginning of the year to the 24th inst.,
was about \$3,910,000.

R. M. P.

Dr.

Wm. M. Meredith,

Sec. of Treasury

W. S. Mount,
Philad^a Nov. 26. 1849

Sir, I informed you, a week ago,
to day, that your deposits of gold would
be paid on presentation of the Mine receipt
properly endorsed. The letter was directed,
as you requested, to Patrick Chmure,
Hanover Avenue, Prager Yard, Boston.

Very very
Yours &c &c

(signed) J. S. W. Edlin
With them of the Mine

Mr. Patrick Chmure,
care of John Scamell,
No. 312 Horn St.



Mint U.S. Nov. 26, 1859.

Sir,

In accordance with your friendly offer, I have
now the request that you will inquire, through your London
Correspondent whether it is the practice of the Bank of
England to subject the gold coins of the United States
to melting & assay, before receiving them at a definite
value; and if so whether there is any material
variation in the fineness of the metal since the last
change of standard, which commenced with 1857.

L

R. M. R.

Wm. Brown, Boston

R. M. Pallister Esq

my dear Sir

I thank you for the letter
you have addressed to me in reply to my note - My
judgment, both of them, should be published, and I will cause
it to be done, provided it meets your approbation.

So as to the ~~reply~~ to reply by the return mail as it
will be necessary for me to leave for Washington on Wednesday
or Thursday at the latest.

Respectfully Yours

Wm. L. Phelps

New York 26 Mar. 49

Dr R. M. Patterson
U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

Our friends in New York Messrs
J. G. King Sons write to us "We are informed
that parties here have met with loss on shipments
of Gold which they supposed would be dispo-
sed with the Bank of England, as other
foreign gold is and an advance made
thereon by the Bank at the rate fixed by
law and in this they were disappointed
the Bank refusing to make an advance in
American Coin owing as is alledged to vari-
ation in the alloy." "We have ourselves no infor-
mation on the subject beyond the fact that
the Bank will not receive American Coin unless
assayed. It is supposed by some parties here
that the variation in value resulting from
melting over coins abroad arises from their
being so many counterfeit of the $\frac{1}{2}$ & $\frac{1}{4}$ Eagle"

Our friends promise to communicate anything
more definite that they may hear. My father
is now out of town but if you will send me the men-
orandum of the information you desire to receive
or communicate I will give me pleasure to write
to our London friend on this subject on behalf of the firm
Yours respectfully
H. J. Biddle

Unit of the United States.

Philadelphia, Nov. 24, 1849

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 22^d inst. concerning the estimate
of the Contingent expenses of the Mint, the item of
taxes was included up to the year 1843. On
the 16th of Jan'y 1843 the Comptroller of the Treasury
gave the following instructions: "The Attorney
General ~~of the~~ having decided that the
property of the United States is not liable for
the payment of taxes, ~~and~~ you will be pleased
in future to pay no taxes on the U. States Mint,
without instructions from the Department." In
~~consequence~~ with these instructions the taxes ~~for~~
from the year 1843 to the present time have not
been paid. I enclose you a statement marked
"A", showing the amount of taxes paid from the
time of the purchase of the lot on which the
Mint was erected ^{up to the year 1843}; and also a statement
marked "B", showing the amount of taxes
assessed, and ~~not paid~~ from the year

1843 to the year 1849 inclusive.

The deed for the ~~land~~^{lot} is not
among the papers, in the ~~land~~^{lot}, and ~~is~~
it was forwarded I presume to Washington
I find a duplicate receipt for the Comptroller's
hire money, dated May 1st 1826, and
~~and is to be paid by the purchase money, to be~~
~~of~~ \$31,666.67.

I will be happy to communicate any
further information ~~which~~ you may desire,
which it may be in my power to give.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your obt^d servt,

James R. Menden
Treasurer,

Hon. Richard Johnson
Att^y Gen^l to the State
Washington City

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

24 Nov 1849.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Drafts payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

R. M. Patterson Esq

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Nov. 24, 1849

Gentlemen,

As Director of the Mint, I am interested to know whether it is the practice at the Bank of England to subject the gold coins of the United States to melting and assay, before they can be received at a definite value; and if so, whether it is true of such coins as have been issued since the legal change of standard, in June 1834, from 22 carats, or 916 $\frac{2}{3}$ thousandths, to 899.25 thousandths; and particularly whether it is true of such as have been struck since the subsequent change, in January 1837, to 900 thousandths. Further, what are the grounds which render that scrutiny necessary. And lastly, whether the gold coins of France, or any other European country, are received by weight at their alleged fineness, or are subjected to a preliminary assay.

As you have facilities, by your correspondence with London, for ascertaining these particulars, you will greatly oblige me by taking an early opportunity for making the inquiry, and informing me of the answers.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Messrs Thomas Biddle & Co

Mint of the United States,
Phil^a. Nov. 23. 1849.

Sir,

Your letter of the 21st inst is received. The
deposits referred to were made by W. Moulton for H. P.
Adams & Co. I have caused inquiry to be made, but
no further information was procured than what appears
on the memorandum sent you. The ~~of~~ amount in
the name of Maria Leinsdell was not kept separate
from the other because its value was under \$100.00.
The rule being to receive no separate deposits unless
it amounts to that sum. We have no means
of stating the weight of each parcel, the aggre-
gate weight was given ^{by the} in the receipt.

Very Resp^{ly}

Yours &c

Samuel R. Knicker
Y^{rs} &c

Mint U. S. Nov. 23. '49

Messrs Thomas Biddle & Co.

also (Messrs A. & G. Ralston & Co.)

also (Messrs Burrows, Bowen & Co.)

Gentlemen,

As Director of the Mint
I am interested to know whether it is the practice
at the Bank of England to subject the gold coins
of the U. S. to melting and assay, before they can
be received at a definite value; and if so, whether
it is true of such coins ~~to~~ as have been issued since
the ^{legal} change of standard, in June 1834, from 22 carats
or $916\frac{2}{3}$ thousandths, to 899.225 thousandths; and partic-
ularly, whether it is true of such as have been struck
^{since} the subsequent change, in January 1837, to 900 thousandths.
Further, what are the grounds which render that per-
taining necessary. And lastly, whether the gold coins
of France, or ^{any} other European countries, are received
by weight, at their alleged fineness, or are subjected
to a preliminary assay.

As you have facilities, by your correspondence
with London, for ascertaining these particulars, you

will greatly oblige me by taking an early opportunity for making the inquiry, and informing me in regard of the answer.

Very respectfully

(not sent)

Mint U.S. Nov. 23/49

Messrs Editors

I find the following paragraph
among the editorial articles in your paper of
yesterday.

[]
A charge which so vastly affects the character
of our ^{national} currency, and seriously injures the reputation
and the feelings of the officers of government con-
cerned in the manufacture of the coin, ought to
be traced to a responsible source; and I beg you to
specify what "late English papers" contain the
statement, that I may know where to find it, &
the grounds of it. In the meantime, ~~that the assays~~
~~of this mint, for a~~ I confidently affirm, that
the assays of this mint, for a considerable series
of years past, & certainly since the change of standard
in 1834, will compare advantageously, for critical
accuracy, & fidelity to the legal standards, with
those of any mint in the world.

Very res^{ly} &c

Inceport Nov 23^d 1849

Treasurer of the Mint Phil^a

Sir

I Separated on the 17th ult^o
A Quantity of Gold dust sent was informed
it would be Coyned nearly for Delivery in
3 weeks. Accordingly I sent the Certificate
of Deposit since which nothing has reached
me in regard to it. Will you be kind
enough to inform me whether it has
been pay over and if not when it will
be ready for Delivery and much Oblig

Yours obt

Respect

W. L. Soule

[Collected on 15th inst. by the Farmers & Merchants Bank of
Phil^a]

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a. Nov. 23. 1849

Sir,

Your letter to Mr. Sprague, the Clerk in the
weigh room is received: its sequent I enclose
to you the Memorandum of the value of your
deposits made on the 14th inst. We have no
means of ascertaining the Cause of the discrepancy
stated between the weight ~~as stated~~ in the Bill
of Lading and the weights at the Mint; the
latter is made with extreme care ~~on a balance~~
~~of great or as balance of great nicety~~ on
a balance of great delicacy, and may
therefore be ~~relied~~ on as accurate.

Very Respectfully
Yours &c.

Samuel Pope Kennedy
Treasr.

A. A. Delano Esq
New York.

Boston Mass. November 25th 1849

My Dear Sir,

you will oblige me
by letting me know when you will be ready to
pay me up my money as I am in need of it.
I would be able to buy a Property and settle on
it this time back. if I had it. So my dear Sir
I hope you will let me know and state the
particulars, by your so doing you will oblige.

Yours Truly

Patrick E. Moore

P. S. Don't forget letter
to John Scamwell 8th 312 Ave St. -
for Patrick E. Moore -



MERCHANTS BANK.

New Bedford, November 23 1849.

Dear Sir:

I have received your favor of the #

~~London for collection~~

I hold, by assignment
Went Receipt, No. 1797. given to J. Dunbar &
for Iron Manufacture Fifty ⁵⁰ 1000 Cans of
Eller's Pollution, Net value, fifteen thousand
four hundred and thirty three 44 100 dollars.
Upon the receipt of this
Please have the goodness to advise me at what
time I may receive the amount from you.

Respectfully,

J. Houghton Cashier.

To the Messrs. & Co.

Cashier of the Mint of the United States
Philadelphia

Sir

Your communication of the 18th inst. enclosing a slip from one of the N. Y. papers, was recd. two days since. It required some time, especially in a press of ~~other~~ business, to consider what answer should or could be made, to so grave and surprising an allegation, ~~at~~ the force of which is condensed in the caption of "False Mintage." As to accuracy of assaying and melting, I confidently affirm that there is not a mint in the world, which ~~shall~~ can show a stricter faithfulness to legal standards, than has been maintained here, for a ^{long} considerable series of years, in the gold coinage.

I have taken steps to ascertain whether the statement is true, that the Bank of England ~~refuses~~ does not receive our gold coin without previous melting and assay; ^{as I have very little doubt it is,} ~~but~~ Supposing it to be true, there are two ways of accounting for the fact, which ~~should~~ ^{might} at least have caused any writer, understanding his subject, to hesitate, before ^{publishing} ~~issuing~~ a wholesale discredit of the national currency, and marring the reputation and the feelings of those who are entrusted with its manufacture.

The first is, that within the past 16 years, we have had three various standards, ^{established} by law, for our gold coin; first, up to June 1834, it was 22 carats, or 916 $\frac{2}{3}$ thousandths; at that time it was reduced to 899.225 lb., and in January 1837, there was a further change, to the more simple proportion of 900 thousandths; or nine tenths. Of this fact, I have been surprised to find, that even our most intelligent dealers in foreign exchange, have not a clear apprehension; & it is not therefore wonderful, if the Bank of England, unwilling to take the trouble of discriminating by dates & devices, should use the shorter course of melting down & assaying. —

The other solution, & rather more probable, (tho' ^{they} ~~both~~ may exist with each other) is this, that it is contrary to usage, every where, for ~~one~~ the mint of one country to take the coins of another, by tale, or at the alleged fineness; ~~that~~ The Bank of England, you are aware, is the ~~sole~~ channel thro' which the Mint of E. is supplied with material, & the two institutions ^{being} ~~are~~ closely ^{connected.} ~~connected.~~ } ~~One can learn, by~~ It is not done here; we receive the gold sovereign, not at its alleged fineness, which it does not ^{represent} ~~come up to~~, but at its actual assay, after melting. In a matter of this kind, there is no courtesy to be wasted, on one side or the other. ^{& the}

has been
You will perceive then, that we
have been ~~wrongly~~ charged with false mintage,
and the currency of the country ^{has been} "disgraced," be-
cause we have followed the various standards
enacted by law, or else, because the Mint
of England, like all other mints, takes our
coin upon their own assay, and not upon our
testimony.

Allow me, in concluding, to express
my obligations ^{to you} for the frank and ~~open~~ frankness
with which you have made me acquainted
with ~~so serious~~ ^{this} a charge, and ^{thus} enabled me to
repel it.

Wm. B. D. R. 100
New York 22 Nov. 1849

Care of Sprague Esq
U. S. Mint
Phila
Pa

I duly received your
Receipt for 2535⁵⁰ Gold dust - N. 1843 dated
14th Nov. This amount is short of Gold
Lading which calls for 2541²³ oz.

I have not yet received the assay, and
will thank you to forward one as early
as practicable to
Yours abd. sub
Jno. R. Delano

Attorney General's Office,
32 November 1849.

Dear Sir,

In the appropriation bill for the
years 1849 to 1853, both inclusive, your
appropriation for the Mint at Philadel-
phia. Among other contingent items,
notice that "taxes" are included. I will
thank you to inform me, at your ear-
liest convenience, whether for either of
those years, any estimate was made
at the Mint, of money which would be
needed to pay taxes, and if so, what taxes
are referred to, and whether any have
been actually paid, and to what amount,
and when. What is the date and con-
sideration of the act of the Mint last?

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Dear Sir, your obedient servant,

Henry Johnson

Treasurer of the Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pa

Mint 108. Phil^a. Nov. 22, 1849.

Dr Sir,

Under authority received from the Secretary of the
Treasury, I have ordered to be made the set of weights
for which you applied on the 13th inst.; and Mr. Meyer has
promised to have them finished in the course of next week. We
shall then adjust them, and send them to you.

R.M.P.

To/

Wm M. Martin, Esq.

Asst. Treas. U.S.

Charleston S.C.

New York Nov 21/49

Mr W. Edelman Esq

Dear Sir - I have not yet recd. the
Memorandum of Gold Dues on my deposit the 1788
Will you be kind enough to send it to me - if ready,
- about what time do you think I can send for
the same

Your attention will much

oblige your Truly

David Barnet

54 Bay St. N.Y.

Min^{tr} of the United States,
Philad^a, November 21. 1847.

Sir, I have received your favor of the 19th
inst. and carefully considered its contents.
I beg to state that your construction of the 19th
Section of the Act of Jan^y 181837, will be found, on further
examination, to be inaccurate. It is stated that
you understand this Section to require the memoran-
dum and certificate from the Assayer to contain
"1st. a statement of the Standard weight as ascertained
by the Assayer of each deposit," &c. The Assayer's report
only states the fineness of the gold, and, if any, the
amount of silver contained therein and the
deductions. The gross weight of the deposits is as-
certained by the Treasurer and from the report of
the Assay and deductions made by the Assayer from
the small piece of Bullion delivered to that Officer, in
accordance with the 16th Section of the Act above named,
the Treasurer ascertains the value of the deposits.
It is therefore quite evident that the weight referred
in the 19th Section, is the gross and not the Standard weight.

In reference to the point suggested that
the exhibition of the Standard weight of each deposit
is necessary or useful as furnishing a means of
testing the accuracy of the Point account, in the
deposits, I would respectfully state, that the

ascertainment of the standard weight is a matter of calculation only and is itself subject to error, and through the presentation of the gross weight and gross value, together with the deduction through the only check upon the accuracy of the accounts. These details are presented in the reports sent by me to the Department and they form the only basis of a proper verification. The correspondence of a correspondence between the standard weights and values would prove nothing as to the accuracy of the accounts, since if the standard weights were themselves wrong, the values would be in like manner wrong. If we were to follow the old forms of abstracts, in which the net value only was placed opposite the standard weight, a new source of confusion would arise, since in every case where deductions are made, which occurs now in nearly every deposite, the value and standard weight would show no correspondence. Perhaps you have overlooked the fact that though the standard weights are not stated by item, the aggregate is presented at the foot of the abstracts. If your calculations should show that this aggregate & the aggregate value correspond, it is impossible there there should not have been a correspondence in the particular items, unless in the highly improbable case of a compensation of errors. I have thus briefly endeavored to show: 1st. that the law does not require the presentation of the standard weight in each deposite, and 2^d. that it is unnecessary, inconvenient and useless to do so, and would present no check to test the accuracy of the accounts with depositions.

I beg to add that our system of verification is such as to render any error highly improbable; there are two separate and

independent calculations made here; one by the Clerk denominated the Treasurer's Clerk, who is signally accurate and verifies them by his signature, the other by the Director's Clerk, who carefully vouches each statement. I deem this proper to state to you, and in connection therewith to say, that I am desirous that the severest scrutiny should be exercised by the Accounting Department at Washington in the adjustment of the accounts, and I hope I have been able to show that the object can be attained from the manner in which they were presented for the last quarter. I will be pleased to give you any further explanation or information which you may require, should this communication be in any point unsatisfactory.

I have the honor to be with great
Respect, yr. Obedt. Servt.
C. S. G. J. R. Brown.
Treasurer

Hon^{ble} C. Whittier,
Comp. Treasr.

Baltimore Nov. 21st 1844.

Mr Geo. W. Edelman
N. S. Mount
D. S. M.

On the 15th of Oct.

We sent to the Mount Three small
bags of gold dust of which we
sent mem^o as follows.

one Bag. marked Turnbull D & Slade.	18 7/8
" " " Estabrook Jarrett	10.00
" " " Maria Louisa Dalt	5.00
	<u>22 202 1/2</u>

The mem ^o you return on call for Bag.	oz.
one bag - a. Jarrett	9.95
" " J. Dalt Slade (which includes the 30)	191.48
	<u>201.43</u>

From this it appears there was about
an oz short. Can you inform us
whether the deficiency was in the bag
marked Turnbull D & Slade, or in the
one marked Maria Louisa Dalt,
which two bags it appears were assigned
together -

Yours most Respectfully
Turnbull Dalt & Slade

Mint of the United States

Philadelphia, Nov. 20, 1849

Gentlemen,

I omitted to answer your letter of the 14th inst for a few days, in order to make such an examination as would enable me to make a satisfactory reply. My paying clerk, Mr. Edward Sprague, paid the amount of the warrant, (\$11,811.⁰⁰/₁₀₀) to Chas. O. M^r. Lord, the clerk and agent of Horn-
den & Co. Express. I enclose the certificate of Mr. M^r. Lord on the subject, from which it is quite evident that the error did not occur at the Mint.

I am very respectfully

Yours obt. servt

(signed) J. R. Snowden
Treas.

Messrs. Brown & Hull

New York

Batco. Nov. 20. /49
To Ed Sprague Esq.
Mint of the U.S. Phila

Sir You would confer a particular favour
by informing us at what time we can send
for the amt. of y^r Certificate of Deposit of Gold
under date of the 25th Oct^r N^o 1675 for 50 ²⁶/₁₀₀ ounces -
We presume it requires time to ascertain the amt. &c.
but being entirely unacquainted with the manner
of realizing the amt. we would be obliged for a
few lines at y^r leisure on the subject.

The amt. when rec^d by us is intended for a
Lady who will be gratified to learn what is
here requested.

Respectfully

Y^r ms of J^{ts}
Nambor Jones

Treasury, Department

Nov 14 1849

Sr

A letter has been just received from the Assistant
Treasurer at Charleston S.C., advising that the
set of scales purchased through your kind office
had come into his custody, but were unavailable
for want of a set of suitable weights.

Nothing having been previously stated by him in
regard to weights, I had presumed that those
previously in use were sufficient. But the fact now
appearing to be otherwise, I am desirous that he
be furnished with an accurate set which will
enable him to weigh, say, the value of \$500
in foreign gold coin at one draft at least.

He suggests that you have informed him that
a set of weights suited to the scales may be obtained
for \$40. If an accurate set that will weigh the amount
above mentioned, can be bought for not exceeding that sum
I will thank you to purchase them and forward in the
same manner as the scales, declare the bill of cost for payment.
S. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia

Very respectfully,
J. M. Meredith
Secretary of the Treasury

Treasury Department

Comptroller's Office

November 19. 1859

James R. Swinburn Esq.

Treasurer of the United States

Phila.

Sir,

Your accounts and letters to the 1st Auditor of the 26th October and 6th November have been referred by him to the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary has referred them to the Comptroller to prescribe the manner in which the accounts shall be kept, and in what reports made to the accounting Officers.

The old mode of making the Report of the Treasurer for the action of the accounting Officers, was to give the Standard Weight as well as the value of the Bullion in the separate columns, to enable them to compare them together in order to test their accuracy.

It appears to me that it would be an entire waste of format, for the accounting Officers, to give upon the accounts unless the Standard Weight as well as the value of each deposit is given. That it would be a mere nominal comparison of the amount of the Standard Weight and the value of the Bullion.

of the Officers of the Mint without the means of testing their accuracy, or correcting their errors if any should occur.

Section 19 of the act of January 18th 1837. Laws United States Vol 9 p. 580. prescribes that the metal shall be assayed and the weight of the Bullion ascertained, (that must mean the Standard Weight), from which the Treasurer is to estimate the whole value of each deposit and also the amount of the charges or deductions if any: if all which he shall give a detailed memorandum to the depositor: and he shall also give at the same time, a certificate of the net amount to be paid in coins &c.

Now I understand this section to require the memorandum and certificate to contain.

- 1st a statement of the Standard weight as ascertained by the Assayer, of each deposit.
- 2^d the whole value of each deposit estimated by the Treasurer from the Standard weight, as reported by the Assayer.
- 3^d the amount of the charges or deductions, if any, and 4th the net amount of the deposit to be paid in coins.

All this, it appears to me should be entered of record and appear in your report, in separate columns.

In your blank entitled A receipt for paying, I have been of Gold & Silver, the following returns

are contained in the Assayers report, and the action of the Treasurer upon it.

1st Gross Weight, 2^d Fineness, 3^d Silver parting, 4th Deductions, 5th Value of Gold, 6th Value of Silver, 7th deductions, and 8th Net Mint Value as ascertained in the certificate.

If reference is made to the form of memorandum of Gold Bullion deposited &c. accompanying your letter, the following are the entries.

1 st Weight before melting	6 th Value of Silver
2 ^d Weight after melting	7 th deductions
3 ^d Fineness	8 th net Mint Value
4 th Silver parting	to be paid in coins.
5 th Value of the Gold	

Section 19 of the statute must be construed in connection with Section 16. 17. 20. 21. 23. & 24.

On getting the quality of Standard as provided in Section 17, the Standard weight is a matter of deduction, or calculation, the same as the Value is, and it is to be deducted before an estimate can be made of the value, the latter being based on the former, and when the Standard weight is ascertained, it strikes me, it must be most convenient to enter it on the books together with the Value and the deductions and thus leave off the Gross weight before and after melting and have the fineness thus substantiated &c. by my three and a half years experience.

In all the accounts of the Treasurer with the Miller and Refiner, ~~and~~ with the Chief Coiner, as made to this Office, under Sections 20, 21, 23, & 24, this Course seems to be pursued, and the Standard Weight as well as the value is returned, and the Gross Weight is omitted.

If it is convenient to keep the accounts so with the Miller & Refiner, and with the Chief Coiner, I do not see why it is not equally so with the depositor, and thus have a uniform System, and render the accounts to the accounting Officers accordingly in a uniform mode. But whether it is convenient or not, if a proper System of checks require it it must be done, for a proper system, and the public security is of more importance, than a saving of a trifling expense in the mode of keeping the accounts, and making your reports.

To obviate the difficulty arising from the mixture of Silver in California Gold, I suggest that the amount of deposits be made in the Treasurers Books, and reported to the accounting Officers in separate columns as follows.

1st the Standard Weight in ounces and decimials

of Gold according to the Assayers Report.

2^d the Standard Weight in Ounces & of the Silver

3^d the estimate value in the aggregate of the Gold & Silver together

4th the amount of charges or deductions for paying & and

5th the net Value to be paid in Coin to the depositor.

If your paper is not large enough to keep the five Columns Number and date of deposit, and name of depositor on the same page, you can let them extend over two pages, or make two reports, one containing Columns Nos 1, 2 & 3, the other's Nos 4 & 5 as above suggested. In this form the amount for Gold and Silver Bullion, can in all cases be kept together their value being carried out, the value of each being the subject of deduction from the Standard Weight, in the separate Columns of the weight of each. and when Silver only is deposited there would be a blank, in the Column giving the weight of Gold, and when pure Gold is deposited, there would be a blank in the Column of the weight of Silver.

Please write me and give me your views and reasons for and against each one of the three and suggestions I have submitted.

me in coming to a correct conclusion on the
matter, and I will wait your communication
before I make a final determination of the
question.

Very respectfully

Yours

Eliza Whittier.

Mint 105, Phil., Nov. 17, 1849

Sir,

I have the honor to send the enclosed letters from Mr. James Pass of New York, and F. C. Trudwell Esq. of this City, in reference to the making and passing of spurious copper coins by certain persons in the City of New York.

About twelve years ago, similar manufactures were in operation, also in New York, and no less than twenty-two varieties of copper coins were sent to me. The existence of this unlawful coinage was made known to the Treasury Department, and was thence referred to the Attorney General, through whose action the evil was readily corrected. This, as I believe, was done by merely calling public attention to the penalties to which those are subjected who offer or receive these spurious coins in payment. It is probable that the manufacturers and distributors of these coins may not have known that the business was illegal, in as much as the spurious cents were not direct imitations of the true ones. But the provisions in the 2d Section of the Act of May 8th 1792, and the 20th and 21st Sections of the Act of March 3d, 1825, are conclusive in the case.

R. M. P.

Sr.

Hon. Wm. M. Meredith,
Secretary of the Treasury.

New York Nov. 12. 1849

Mr. Tinsdall

Dear Sir,

Yours came duly to hand. I have taken some pains and believe I have succeeded in finding the location of our St. Paul Mint. I am certain that large quantities of cents are made here, and put into circulation. I have now hundreds of thousands of dollars in this city and the stock daily increasing. These cents makes me in comparison and amongst them are jobs who get the into circulation amongst their brethren the Pawn brokers. Some of these pawn brokers now from 200 to 500 dollars weekly and pay them out at 75 to dollar to people who are necessitated to come within their grasp. I have applied to the Pawn brokers to sell my cents or give of for 103 for a dollar they have said they could do better by getting them from the Mint besides being new and clean (I suppose their hands are too clean to handle dirty pennies) for nearly 12 months I have not been able to sell scarcely any to Pawn brokers which proves that they must get them on better terms than I offer them at.

About a month since a man hired a room by the Congress Mills 172 Forsyth St. for Mr John Coull for the purpose as he stated to manufacture cents for the Mint instead of commencing to manufacture cents for the Mint he brought in about 30 kegs of Blanche which he stated the Mint had refused to stamp on account of them being tarnished he brightened them up by a Chemical process which took him nearly a month and when finished put them up in kegs again and sent them to one of our Mints this was last week. I have no doubt but they are in the act of being stamped at this time. Mr Coull had the curiosity to follow them to the supposed mint and was admitted through the premises with the exception of one room which was kept private there are three other places in the same neighborhood where the same business is transacted but perhaps the same connection. There are others out of this state but not far from N. York. I have the names and locations of these manufactories and can furnish any officer who may call upon me if the U.S. Mint thinks my statements sufficient to warrant proceeding against the parties. On Friday evening last a girl called at a grocer in the Bowery for Tea and paid 18 cts in new bright cent of 1847. She was asked where she got so many new pennies. Oh she said I got them out of the bag with which she did the bag come from why we make them who makes them He told her name of the parties and gave her own name and address one of the parties named has been selling cents a long time but from 10 to 15 per cent under price. I have more information but consider this enough to trouble you on the U.S. Mint with at present. I have sent a few specimens the 5 bright ones are what the girl paid in the grocer which you may exhibit if you think proper.

77 North St.

I am dear in yours truly James P. Lee

The 5 specimen notes were stamped here and
sent to mix among the others and a great many
unstamped ones are signed in also.

Dear Sir,

You have a statement upon the other sheet
which if you think well answer you will please
show to the U. S. Mint. I supposed names to have
all out & dry if needed. You will please let me
know what they say about it as soon as possible. I
have not yet acquainted any of the other brokers
or others interested as yet. I thought it better to keep
quiet and catch them in the act, if the Mint will
notice it.

I have given Mr. Conely order to pay you 100
and you will please give him the enclosed
letter.
Yours truly,
J. F. P.

77 North St.
N. Y.

Phila. Nov 15 1849

Dear Sir,

Enclosed are the letters of James Parr of
77 North 4th St. York which I exhibited to you at the
Mint this morning. I have retained a copy of them.
Mr Parr states verbally to me that in his business
as a biscuit baker he receives on an average per week
the amount of four hundred dollars in cents and
above the amount of all he can pay out to his workmen
and in other disbursements and that it costs him
on an average the year round twelve dollars per
week in discounts from the par value of these cents
or as a premium for current funds. I have known
Mr Parr since the year 1832 and consider him
a man of integrity, a highly respectable mechanic.

I am dear sir very respectfully
yours &c. &c.

F. C. Trudwell
101 South 4th St.

James B. Lawrence
Treas. U. S. Mint.
Phila

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a. Nov. 17, 1879.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you a letter from
James Carr of N. Y. and also one from F. C. Head's
wells & Co of this City.

I have deemed the information therein
contained of sufficient importance to bring to your
notice, and also to suggest that the subject be referred
to the District Attorney of the U. S. at New York, to as-
certain whether the allegations are true, and if so
whether the offenders come within the penal enact-
ments contained in the 20th and 21st sections of
the Act of Congress of March 3^d 1825, relating
to Counterfeit Copper Coins.

In case the matter is referred as
above suggested, I will forward to the officer named
the Copper pieces referred to in the letters enclosed
and communicate such further information
as he may deem advisable.

I have the honor to be
With great Res^t of ob^t serv^t
James Ross McCord
Treasurer.

Hon.^{ble}

W. M. Meredith
Sec^y Treas^y U. S.

New York Nov. 17th 1849.
J. M. Patterson Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia,

Sir, I send by
"Wells & Co" Express two small packages
S. A. Gold Dust, the two are contained in
a small Box The one marked A. B. - 1882
Castellanos, the smaller one marked L. A. -
both of which I desire to have coined, and
submitted to me, together with a certificate
of each parcel separate, so that I may
know the value of each one.

Please let me have the proceeds & certificates
at your earliest convenience, &
Oblige

Yours Respectfully

A. H. Canabough.

135 William St
Washington Street
N. Y.

166 of the N.S.
Thurs. Nov 17, 1849.

Gentlemen,

I enclose you the memorandum of the value of your deposit of gold made by Messrs Adams & Co on the 14th inst. The Mint receipt they took charge of.

I hope to be able to pay in three weeks from the time the deposit was made.

Very respectfully,
Yours &c &c,
(signed) J. R. Browne,
Treas.

Wm. C. Robbins & Son,
New York.

Miner. U. S. Phil. Nov. 17/49

Dear Sir,

Our Assayers, after a delay caused by an excess of business in their dept have presented the foll^d report on the three varieties of stone from Cal^o which you had sent to besides those already reported upon

1. Slate [quite clean to (Aug 1) from Assayer note]

The specimen of Cornubian which you saw at the Mint is of the same parcel which was sent to us by Mr. Marcy, in Sept last, & which was assayed by Mr. Gillette & Prof. Booth. The former "taking a transverse section of the ore, which included the red, white & brown layers, - the red predominating, - there was obtained by the process of distillation, 31 percent of mercury. The portion treated might be considered as a formative matrix specimen." Prof. Booth found that the red ore contained 33.35 p.c. of metallic mercury; and the yellow 15.50.

AmD

Wm. Thomas (assayer)
U. S. Phil.

In reply to Mr. Enright's letter of the 13th -

There were three varieties of stone from California, besides those already reported upon:

1. Slate, showing ^a trace of gold, probably accidental.
2. Serpentine - free from gold.
3. Quartz, two trials made; one of 500 grs, yielded $1\frac{1}{2}$ milligrammes ^{of gold}; another of 22 grs. showed only a trace. It bears the usual character of the ferruginous quartz of gold regions, altho' so destitute of the metal.

As to the Sulphuret of mercury, the information which we have is very little, beyond what comes thro' the public press. Our correspondent at San F. (Dr. P.) writes - "In consequence of the high price of labour, they have temporarily ceased ~~washing~~ working the famous Quicksilver Mine. - To all appearance, it will, at some future time, prove a source of wealth almost inexhaustible to the owners. - The enormous cost of loading a vessel with the ore, and the danger of salivation to the crew, altogether forbid the idea of shipping it abroad, as an article of merchandise." (Aug. 1.)

Mail paid

Treasurer of the U.S. Mint
- Philadelphia -

New York Nov. 16. 1849

Dear Sir. We have a receipt in our possession
for 141 ⁶⁴/₁₀₀ g. Gold - dated Oct 22. A. 1658. for J. H. Thomas -
which that gentleman informed us ^{was} signed by or about
this time - so that we could receive the proceeds. Please send
us the Returns by next mail - or advise us when we can expect
them - Your attention and reply will much oblige

Yrs very Respy -

Henry Smith Thomas

Wm. D. Mendenhall

Oct 16 At Ballenroon

Director United States Mint

Sir

The undersigned workmen in the
Mint would respectfully solicit from
you a small increase in their wages
as all our fellow workmen have received
an increase in their wages we hope you
will grant us the same favour which
will be gratefully remembered by us

John Birnbaum

Wm M Bowen

William Hilchrist

Wm Lorr

John Combs

Henry Schmitt

Chas Jacobs.

Nov 26th

New York Nov. 16th / 1849

R. M. Patterson Esq.

Director of U. S. Mints.

Phil^a.

Dr. Sir.

We send you
herewith by Adams Express a sealed box
marked F & B containing 69 Canadian Doubloons
which we wish to have coined into American Coin
and the certificate of value of same made in our
name and also if you please note the value per
Doubloon on certificate

Hoping to receive return of the doubloons and
also of a small package Gold dust sent some
days since at an early date

We remain Very Truly

Yours Obt Sols

Orville Brown

Boston (Wmth 13, 1799)

Sir I embrace this present opportunity
of writing these few lines to you

Hoping they find you in as good health as
they left me at present Sir Patrick
Elmore should very well like to know when
you are going to have an answer about the
Money And Sir if you please to direct your
letter to Patrick Elmore housewar avenue Hayes
York Boston

Yours with respect

Patrick Elmore

U.S. Gold Mint
Phil^a

Harmers Bank of Lancaster
Novr 14, 1849

James R. Snowden Esq
Dear Sir,

When the old gold & silver coin
which I deposited some time ago, has been received,
will you please advise me, so that we may draw
for the amount.

Very Respectfully Yours
Chas. Hager Trust

Box marked "John De Witt & Co 43 Liberty St
New York"
wrapper endorsed "J. M. Morrison, Esq. Cashier of
Manhattan Company New York"

I certify that the box marked as above with a
wrapper endorsed as above is the identical box re-
ceived at the Mint of the United States in the city
of Philadelphia, per Messrs Adams & Co, containing
gold belonging to Messrs John De Witt & Co and
Messrs Beale, Melick & De Witt.

(Signed) James Ross Snowden

Treasurer U. S. Mint

Phila Nov. 14th 1849

~~That~~
I certify that the box marked "Lot 100"
De Witt and referred to in a note signed
James Rufus Snowdon, ~~and~~ ^{as well} referred to by
John De Witt was opened by me, and
that one of the tin cans had been perforated
from the outside of the said box, and the
hole made in the wooden box was stopped
up with a wooden plug, and sealed on
the outside as it now is. And also
that the gold had been taken out except
 $82 \frac{70}{100}$ in can and $22 \frac{31}{100}$ in leather pouch
and also the box, ~~the~~ and cans are in
the same condition as they were when
received except that the cover of the
wooden box was removed by taking out the
screws and the tin canisters opened
by partially removing the top. One of
the tin canisters ~~was~~ ^{has} not been disturbed and
the gold in it was ^{found} to weigh ~~exactly~~
750 oz Troy.

United States Mint.
Philadelphia, Nov. 14, 1869.

(Signed) Ed. Sprague
Chief of Weigh-room

New York. Nov 14. 1849.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Phil

Dr. Sir

Herewith we

forward you by "Adams Express" a box containing
Four packages Gold dust and we request the
Weight & Value ^{of each package} to be placed separate in the
Certificate which you will please return in our
name. as each package is for different interests

3/4 One package W x T No 1
" " " W x T " 2
" " " Count & Bm 3
" " " F, + B " 4

We also enclose you one New Canadian Doubloon
and beg you will inform us of the value
of same at the Mint. as we have a quantity
we should like to have coined. if found
advisable.

We should esteem it a great favour if you
could facilitate the assay of these little lots so
as to inform us of the value thereof that we
may advise the parties interested by an early
Opportunity. We beg to remain

Yours Truly
Ebenr. Brown

note by Mr. Newell, with statement of value

R. M.

1849, June 30.

Thurs

~~Henry Defatted~~

P. Clayton,

Second Master,

~~Henry Defatted~~

With a letter enclosed, to

C. C. Wright, announcing a ship
in his favor for \$1000.

To / C. C. Wright, Jr.
59 N. H. St. Y.

Enclosing the above letter to
announce his letter of the 24th inst.

Wickford. R.I. Nov 14. 1849.

Cousin.

On the 1st inst I sent by Adams & Co
express to the Mint for coinage, about 815 ounces
California gold, as per receipts Nos 17011, & 1705.

Will you please write me at what time
it will be coined, and ready for delivery, and
if it will be necessary to return the certificate given
on the receipt of the gold.

Respectfully Yours

John C. Gould agent
for W. W. Sprink.

To the Treasurer of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

New York Nov 14th 1849

G. W. Edelman Esqr

Dear Sir

On the 16th of Oct.
As per Rect. from the Mint we sent
some California Gold which has
been returned to us - And as we
wish to know the result as to the
value per oz or dw^t we write you
to ask a correct statement as ~~you~~
we think you have made an error
in your figures of the weight after
melting, you have it 41:21^{oz dw^t} now
if that means 42:01^{oz dw^t} the loss is but ~~two~~^{two}
dw^t on the whole 42:03^{oz dw^t}

By Reply to the above soon
you will confer a favour
on Yours very Respectfully
Moore & Co

San Francisco Nov 14th 1849.

To the Presiding Officer of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia

Dr Sir,

We have

this day shipped by the Steamer of tomorrow (belonging to the Panama)
Six hundred & Twenty five Cds. of Gold dust, value at \$16 per oz
\$10,000. (Ten thousand dollars.) to your ^{mint} Coinage, the proceeds
to be held Subject to the Order of William P. Phillips of Salem
Mass. We have advised Mr Phillips of this remittance & you
will please ^{pay} the money over to his order.

Yours respectfully,

John Lovett & others.

Owners of the

Ship Elizabeth

of

Salem. Mass.



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Boston, New York, Phila., Baltimore, Washington and Wheeling
PACKAGE EXPRESS.

OFFICES, 9 Court st. Boston, 16 Wall st. New York,
50 Chesnut st. Philadelphia, 7 Light st. Baltimore,
Penn. Avenue, Washington, - Water st. Wheeling.

Packages will be received and forwarded to Norwich,
Worcester, Lowell, Salem, Portland, and all the principal
Eastern cities and towns.

Custom House Business attended to with great prompt-
ness in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Received of

New York, Nov. 18th 1849

G. S. Robbins, Esq.
Old Box Land Hamilton
New York.
Marked

A. F. W. Jr & Co.
Phila

to be forwarded as addressed, (loss by fire, water, breakage,
leakage and perils of the seas excepted.)

For Adams & Co.

Nesbitt, Stationer and Printer, cor. Wall and Water sts.

Department of the Interior,
Washington,

Nov. 13. 1847.

Dear Sir:

Will you be kind enough to inform me of the result of your analysis of the specimen of Stone from California which I sent you, distinguishing between the different varieties of Mineral, if you have made experiments with all. I presume that the quartz is the principal matrix of the gold - this I hope you have tested.

I will be greatly obliged to you for such information as you have of the deposit of Sulphuret of mercury in California, its extent and value. You should send me a specimen of the ore when I was last in the mint; and if it had been analysed, you will oblige me by sending the result.

I am, very respectfully,
Your obt. Servant,
T. Erving

Dr. R. Patterson,
U. S. Mint, Phila. }

Office Asst Treasurer U.S.
Charlton 13 Nov 1849

R.W. Patterson Esqr

Director of the U.S. Mint Phil^a

Dear Sir

The beam you selected for this
office arrived yesterday and as far as I am
able to judge is exactly what was desired.

It is however almost useless to me for the
want of necessary weights - Mr Meredith
it appears from a letter received yesterday from
him was under the impression that the weights
I now have would serve the beam you sent
me and consequently did not direct you
to procure weights - The Beam is no doubt
competent to weigh the value of \$5,000. the
usual packages of foreign coin - The
weights I now have are 660 dwts, equal to
\$624.36 and even if suitable for the beam, you
can readily see the extra time it will require
to weight \$5,000. - These facts I bring to
the notice of the Secty by this mail and
should he authorize you to send me weights
please do so with as little delay as possible
and such as you would select for your own
use

Very Resp

Wm. W. Manning

Asst Tr

G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
23 WALL STREET.

New York, November 13 1849
To Treasurer of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia,
D. Sir.

We enclose invoice of
gold dust forwarded to your address this
afternoon per Adams's express, whose receipt
is the same as herewith inclosed.

You will oblige us by causing each
parcel to be separately assayed, according
to the numbers in the invoice.

One package was broken on the way
& some of the dust scattered on the box.

You will please send us receipt certificate
for this shipment & also for that of yesterday.

We should like to know how much
time will probably elapse before we shall
receive returns, by informing us on this point
you will oblige.

Yours very truly
G. S. Robbins & Son

Min^{rs} of the United States.

Philadelphia, Nov. 13, 1849.

Gentlemen,

I am sorry to inform you that, on opening this morning the box mentioned in your letter of yesterday containing two canisters and a leather pouch of Gold dust, ~~it was~~ ^{as it was} found to have been ~~robbed~~ ^{summed}, and a considerable part of the gold abstracted.

One of the canisters was sound, and the gold in it weighed 750.00 oz. The other was pierced through, apparently by a chisel. Underside it, a hole had been bored through the bottom of the box; but was closed by a wooden cork, sealed with red wax, but not marked like the other seals on the box. Within this canister was the pouch marked Beall, Melick & Sullivan, ^{40 3/4 oz.} and it was perforated by four small holes, through which ^{a part of} the gold dust had passed. The weight of the gold in this canister was but 82.70 oz., and that remaining in the pouch but 22.81 oz.

The box was opened in the presence of Mr. Sprague, Clerk of the weigh-room, ^{and of Mr. Sanford,} by one of our men named Burrows,

and the box, and canisters and pouch are left for your inspection should you desire it, and the gold dust is also retained for your instructions in the case.

Wm. J. Levertt Sec.
New York.

R. M. P.
Secy.

Pa. 1

New York, Nov^r 13/41

Senator

United States Senate

Sir,

Philadelphia

I have been by Messrs. Hamilton & Co. today
a Trip for containing 62 1/2 bars of California
Gold, which we desire to have receipted
for to us or in our name and to be coined
in such pieces as may be convenient, and
it would confer a favor to have it
returned soon.

Very respectfully

Yours &c

Thomass

67 Broad St

Invoice of Gold Dust sent to the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia for assay by G. S. Robbins & Son
of New York. November 13th 1844

			No.
One pk ^{ts} marked	State Banker & Merchant	18 ³ / ₄ ounces	1
"	" " X Standard W. Maitland	24 ¹ / ₄ "	2
"	" " Southwell	25 "	3
"	" " Julia A. Master	31 ¹ / ₄ "	4
"	" " S. J. Gould & Co	43 ³ / ₄ "	5
"	" " Pope & Morgan	125 "	6
"	" " Thos. A. Fisher	18 ³ / ₄ "	7
"	" " G. S. Robbins & Son	156 ¹ / ₄ "	8

x This is the first parcel, & will
require careful handling.

New York Nov. 12. 1849.

Sir

You will please have the box or
package of gold mounted Beads Melick & Dillitt
or being in the package of gold dust forwarded
this day - assayed separately.

Very Respectfully
Yours Truly
J. Dillitt & Co
per Peter A. Dillitt &

To the
Directors of the Mint
Wash.

Mr Watson

Dear Sir

With many
thanks for your favor of the 8th
of Oct by which you informed me
of the regulations of the Mint;
may I solicit a continuance of
your kindness in receiving some
share of my share of a low standard

I remain Yours

Respectfully
Obedient

New York
Nov 12th 1849.

Q. S. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
61 WALL STREET.

New York, November 2 1849.

To Messrs. ~~Roberts~~
Philadelphia

Sir:

We enclose inclosed of gold
just forwarded to you this afternoon
through Adams & Co. whose receipt of the
same we hand you herewith.

You will oblige us by informing us
how soon we may expect the proceeds
of our remittance of October 1st, as also
how much time will elapse before we
shall receive return for the present remittance.

Yours &c

J. S. Robbins & Son

New York Nov. 12th 1849

Lt. M. Patterson Esq.

Sir

By Livingston & Co's Express,
I send you this day a Package of Gold Dust, from California, to
your address, containing about Sixty four ounces, and said to be of
very fine quality.

You will oblige me, to have it coined, and return the proceeds
by Livingston & Co's Express, who are authorized to receive the same
on my account, - as soon as practicable -

Very Respectfully
Thos. East. Bart
Wm. Lintz

Invoice of Gold Dust forwarded by G. F. Robbins & Son
per Adams & Co's Express to U. S. Mint Phila., for Coinage

1 Box containing 2 Packages

Marked

No 1	of	dwt.	grs	
N.H.W. containing	3 bds.	15.	3	\$836.10

New York Nov 12th 1849

G. F. Robbins & Son

Mint of the U. S.
Philad. Nov. 10, 1849.

My dear Sir,

In answer to the inquiries which
you have made, I present the following statements.

The value of California gold received at the
Mint, to the present time, is \$3,215,000.

Reported from the N. O. Mint, to Sept. last 260,561.

Total \$3,475,561.

The average fineness of the California gold
received at this Mint may be stated at 891 thousandths.

Single instances have been found varying from
836 to 957 $\frac{7}{10}$; but ordinarily the fineness lies
between 875 and 905 $\frac{7}{10}$.

I shall be very happy to receive information
on this subject from your correspondent in London,
and to give him a return in kind.

Ever sincerely your friend,
R. M. Patterson.

Thos. Biddle, Esq.,

Mont U.S.

Phila. Nov. 10/49

Sir,

Your letter of yesterday has been received
but without the "check in favor of P. Meyers & Co'
on Lorcoran & Riggs" which you mention as hav-
ing been enclosed. Owing to this omission I have already
sent a telegraphic notice

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Rm P.

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S. M. McKean, Esq
Pres. Sept,

Philad. Nov 9th 49
Friday

My dear Sir

The Enquiry made by my Correspondent runs thus "Can you obtain for me an account
" of the total Quantity or Amount of Gold coined
" at your Mint which has been received from California
" & the like Return from the other U.S. mints —

" The Amount we have received passing
" through the Bank of England of which
" we are directly cognizant as California
" Gold is not more than £170 or 180 m. Stg
" probably other C. Gold has come in from
" Panama but we do not know its origin
" or whether it came from ^{California} ~~Panama~~ or not —

I suppose nearly all which comes
from Panama is C. Gold, Much of
what comes to them also from Valpa-
raiso, & Rio Janeiro, & perhaps some
from N Orleans, and shall so write

Wm. H. Miller, Esq.
Nov 9, 1849
Ans. & am. 10th.

Doctor. Patterson

U.S. Mint

him. I will endeavor to get
some information from the Messrs
Howland of New York on this Subject.

If you feel inclined to facilitate
or to give the means of mutually attaining
this kind of information. My firm
believe we can with your assistance
go far to the Bank of England &
the Mint at Philad^a giving
each other all in their power,
and probably cause a continuance
of the Exchange of such information.

Perhaps the N. Orleans Mint
exceeds ours. & no discrimination as
to Mexican & California Gold -

It may to them also be an object
of Enquiry the Gold raised this Side

the Mississippi. Yours truly
J. Biddle

Friday

Nov: 9. 1849

P. S. The letter is
under date 19 Octob^r?

New York Nov. 9. 1849

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U. S. Mint, Phil.^a

Dear Sir,

We deposited on the 16th Dec.
several packages of Gold Dust at
the Mint, for assay and coinage; and
being unacquainted as to the time usually
required for such purposes, we
shall feel much obliged by your
stating at what period the coin
will probably be subject to our disposal.
Requesting you to excuse the trouble we
thus give, we remain

Very Respectfully Yours,
Grinnell, Minton & Co

Grinnell, Minton & Co

Treasury Department
Nov. 9. 1849

Sir

I enclose herewith a check in favor
of J. Rogers & Co. on Coleman & Co. for \$300. —

Will you have the goodness to cause a receipt to
be taken on the Bill & have it sent to me under
cover to the Secretary of War.

J. W. Patterson
Philad^a.

Very Respectfully
S. M. McLean, ass.

Mont Pel. Mont. Nov. 9/49

Sir, In your letter of the 7th inst, you ask me to in-
form you 'what is the value at the Mint of one ounce of
Cal. gold as coined'. The question is not susceptible
of an answer, as different parcels of this gold vary con-
siderably in their fineness, - and consequently also in their
value. The medium value of an ounce of California Gold
may be assumed at \$18., but in single pieces this valua-
tion is not to be depended upon.

Your calculations are founded upon the assumption
that all the Cal. gold contains in it exactly 10 per
cent of silver, - which is not true. The quantity of sil-
ver depends upon the fineness, as determined by assay,
and this is variable.

C. H. P. Thompson
Boston.

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R M P
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Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Nov. 8, 1849.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. I remember well the visit which you made to the Mint, and the favorable impression which you produced. It gives me the greater pain therefore to say that there is no vacancy at the Mint that can be offered to you. The great amount of parting required by California gold, made it necessary for us to increase the number of workmen, ~~in~~ but more workmen, — and the required number are already engaged.

Yours very respectfully,

R. W. Patterson,
Director

Mr. J. Van Voorst.
New York.

FARMERS AND MECHANICS BANK,

Philadelphia, Nov 8 1849

Wm

In accordance with the order
standing with my agent yesterday
please pay the sum Twenty one
thousand dollars (\$20,000) in the
accompanying "Receipt" issued to
Ben Loun, and send me a due
bill for the balance of \$492.66 in
the name of Redman & Price

And Oblige

Yours Truly Resp^{ly}

J. P. Snowden Esq.

of M. Lewis
Co.

Mont. Her. Phil. Nov. 7/49

Sir,

In compliance with the request made in your letter of the 1st inst., the seats required for the Assn. Trans. at Charlotte were purchased of Meyer, Esq., and I now have the honor to enclose his bill for the same, and also a bill of lading showing its shipment, to be delivered to Mr. Martin. I also send, by this day's mail, a duplicate bill of lading to Mr. Martin.

If the draft in favor of Mr. Meyer be sent to my care I will with pleasure attend to the payment of the bill.

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R. M. D.

Am. Wm. Meredith
Sec. of Treas.

Treasury Department
First Auditor Office
November 7th 1869

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of the 6th inst and to inform you that I have this
day referred your Abstracts of Gold & Silver Bullion,
your letter & accompanying documents to the Secretary of
the Treasury for his consideration and approval, preliminary
to the further action of this Office - Respectfully
Yours Obt Servt

J. V. Smith

To
James Ross Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Boston, November 7. 1849.
Superintendent - U. S. Mint -

Philadelphia -

My Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of
addressing you for information
respecting the value of California Gold.
A few days since, I saw a
Statement in the paper, that this
Gold contained 10% Silver -

Now in rough reckoning we
generally say \$16 - to the Ounce - & if
in 10 oz Gold as received, there is 10% Silver -
it leaves but 9 oz Gold - which @ \$16 - pr oz = \$144 -
and the 1 ounce Silver - @ \$1 - pr oz = $\frac{1}{10}$ -
so that the Ounce of unrefined Gold
seems to be worth only \$14.50 -

Now is the 9 ounces Gold separated
from 10 oz - metal as it is received - worth
more than \$16 - pr oz? And is it equal in

value & fineness to Standard Gold -
say about \$0.93 pr. part? If this last
is the case - then I make the g. as follows.

$$\begin{array}{r} 18 \text{ parts. gold } @ \$0.93 \text{ pr. part} = \$16.74 \\ 2 \text{ " - silver } @ \$0.03 \text{ " " } = \underline{\$0.05} \\ \$16.80 \end{array}$$

I know not but that all this is
founded on mis calculation, & I wish
to ask the favor of you, to inform
me what is the value at the Mint
of 1 oz. California gold as received -
& its value when refined - also stating
the value of those proportions which
are silver or other metals, & how great
this proportion is -

If you can conveniently do
this - you will confer a great favor
& oblige -

Yrs. Obedt. Servt.
W. P. Symptom -

P. S. Please address Care Henry Symptom -
38 India Wharf Boston

Treasury Department
Register's Office 6 November 1849

Sir,

I have the honor to request that the usual estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1851 may be prepared at your Office and transmitted, as soon as possible, for the purpose of being laid by the Secretary of the Treasury, before Congress at the ensuing session. The estimates will be closed in about a week, as they have to be laid before Congress in a printed form at the commencement of the Session.

I would invite your particular attention to the second section of the act of 17 June 1844, and to the Joint Resolution of the 7th January 1846.

You are requested to send the estimates on foolscap paper with margins of at least one inch in width, that the same may be bound in volumes in this Office.

I am, respectfully,
Your Obedt Servant

Robert M. Patterson Esquire
Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Allex. S. Hall Register

Office Asst Fr U.S.
Charleston S. C. Nov 1849

R W Patterson Esqr
Director U.S. Mint Phil^a

Dear Sir

Yours of 3^d Inst on the subject
of the scales intended for this office is received
and I regret that the matter has been delayed
as I am put to considerable trouble every
time a payment is made in foreign coin.

By this mail I write Mr Meredith
that you did not consider yourself directed
to send weights and have asked him to
issue an order to you for weights, as
the beam you speak of would be
of no service to me without ~~them~~ ^{them}.

If the beam has not been shipped
when you receive this, please detain it
until you hear from the Secty, and I
will be particularly obliged if you will
have their accuracy tested before they
are sent to me.

Very Respectfully
Wm. M. Manning
Asst Fr

N. York Nov 6. 1849

Dear Sir

Please have the goodness to drop us a line as soon as the Coin is ready for us at your Mint.

And you will much oblige us by having it ready as soon as you can.

We fear that we annoy you with too many letters but the party owning a part of the dust is in a hurry to get it & makes us call oftener than we like

Yours Truly
Mowbray P. Hall

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
November 5th 1849.

Sir,

Your account of Copper Coinage for the
3^d quarter of 1849, has been adjusted at the
Treasury, and a balance of \$ 2,585. 26 stated
to be due from you to the United States, which
agrees with your amount.

Very respectfully
Elisha Whittelsey
Comptroller

James Ross Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
November 3^d 1849

Sir,

My account of Ordinary Expenses
of the Mint, for the 3^d quarter of 1849, has been
adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance of
\$ 10,611³/₄ is stated to be due from you to the
United States, which agrees with your account.

Very respectfully
Oliver Whittier
Comptroller

James Ross Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia

Weights marked for the
Scale sent to Charleston.

125. 200.

100.

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West Ast.

Phil. Nov. 3, 1849.

Sir,

Your letter of the 29th of Oct. surprised me, for I had thought that the beam which you required had been already sent to you. On inquiring, however, I find that it is still in the hands of the Master. He now assures me that it will be sent by the next steamer for Charleston, which will be next week.

In your last letter you speak of screights; but these had not been ordered, to my knowledge. A full set of brass weights will cost \$40. If you obtain authority to get them, I will cheerfully assist you in procuring them.

R. M. P.

Secy

Mr. M. Martin, Esq.
Asst. Treasurer }
Charleston, S.C. }

Treasury Department
N. W. 30. 1849.

Sir

You state in your letter of the 27th inst. that the amount of California Gold deposited at the Mint for coinage from the 1st January last to the 24th instant was \$3,010,000.

Be pleased to inform the Department by telegraph tomorrow morning, if you can, how much of that amount has been coined.

I am very Respectfully

A. A. Phelps
Sec. of the Treasury

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad.

Copy

Treasury Department
Comptroller's office

Nov. 30. 1849

The last account of James R. Snowden Esq., as Treasurer of the Mint at Philadelphia for the quarter ending September 30th 1849, having been rendered in a form different from what has been heretofore in use, and the same having been objected to by the first Auditor and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, and by the Secretary referred to the Comptroller to prescribe the forms in which the accounts of the Treasurer of the Mint shall be kept, and presented quarterly to the Treasury Department, for the purpose of being adjusted and settled, and the Comptroller having examined the subject, the Communications of the Treasurer of the Mint, the usage of the office, and the Law, in pursuance of said reference and the Statutes in such cases made and provided prescribes the following forms to be observed by the Treasurers of the Mint, and the Treasurers of the Branch Mints, in keeping and presenting their quarterly accounts.

1st. That a record shall be kept as heretofore of the Report of the Assayer, of each deposit of Gold or Silver, and of the estimate

made thereon in pursuance of the 17th 18 & 19
Sections of the Supplementary Act in relation
to the Mint approved January 18. 1837 and
each of such Reports or a copy thereof shall
be sent by him to the First Auditor with
his quarterly account.

It appears from the letter of Mr. Snowden
of Oct. 26th 1849, that a record of the separate
Standard Weight of each deposit is preserved
and the sum of the items compared with the
Weight found by calculation from the aggregate
Value, showing an invariable correspondence.

The last report aforesaid contains in the
aggregate but not of each separate deposit,
the gross value of the Gold deposited and the
Standard Weight of the same, the value of
the Silver parted, and the Standard Weight
of the same, the amount of the deductions
and the net value of the deposits.

Sections 20 to 24 inclusive, and also sections 29
of the Statute require the Standard Weight as
well as the value of the Metal to be entered and
Kept, in all the accounts between the Treasurers
and the Minter and Refiner, and Chief Coiners
respectively - and the accounts are rendered
accordingly to the accounting Officers. In as
much as the Standard Weight of the Gold,
and also of the Silver in each deposit is
ascertained by the Treasurer, and recorded,

there can be no additional labour or expense
in presenting the same accordingly in detail,
in his quarterly accounts, except the clerical
labour of transcribing the same from his
books. It is of importance to preserve unifor-
mity in the mode of keeping, and rendering
the accounts between all these Officers, as it
facilitates the comparison of one account
with another, and of the items with the
aggregate, and particularly, the Treasurers
account with the Assayers Report, in order
to test the accuracy of the respective items.
But it is by no means necessary to put
the Silver Separated from the Gold, in a distinct
account, in the quarterly Report of the Treasurers,
in fact, it will facilitate the system of
Comparisons to return them in the same
account, keeping their Standard Weight only
separate.

It is therefore prescribed by the authority
aforesaid.

I^d that in all quarterly accounts to be
rendered hereafter, the Silver Separated from
the Gold in any deposit of Gold, shall be
returned in the Bullion account in separate
Columns, in the following manner, or form
after stating the date and number of each
deposit, and the name of the depositor,
the 1st Column ^{shall} state the Standard Weight

In ounces and decimals of the Gold.

The 2^d Column, shall state the Standard weight in ounces and decimals of the Silver parted from the Gold.

The 3^d Column shall state the gross value in the aggregate, of the Gold and Silver together.

The 4th Column shall state the amount of charges, or deductions for parting &c.

And the 5th Column, the net value to be paid in coin to the depositor - and where deposits of Silver are made, which contains a mixture of Gold, it shall be returned in the same manner with the amount of Silver in five columns as above presented.

When pure Gold is deposited, it shall be returned in the same account, with the Gold deposits leaving a blank in the column of the standard weight of Silver. And when pure Silver is deposited, it shall be returned in the amount of Silver, leaving a blank in the column of the standard weight of Gold.

3^d And it is further prescribed, that at the foot of each quarterly amount of

deposits made by the Treasurer there shall be an accurate statement of the aggregate value of the Gold and of the Silver separately contained in such amount.

Elisha Whittelsey
Compt.

Assay office Dec: 1st 1849

Assay and value of Silver in the Meller & Wapins
Department U S Mint

Weight of silver as reported by the M & W 5218 lbs
Gold and Silver contained by assay
\$46.04 per cwt equal to \$2144.97

Certified by
J. R. Eckhardt
Assayer

5218 lbs = ^{Cwt dec} 46.59, $\frac{1}{2}$ @ \$5 per cwt. = \$232.95

\$2144.97 - 232.95 = \$1912.02 ^{stand gold} or 102.771 ^{ounces dec}

191202
95601
4780
2390
102771

To the attention
of the clerk

Philadelphia

at New York 1 Dec 1849.

Sir,

Permit me to send you
herewith 1 Parcel marked M H vol 2
today, said to contain 2 1/2 doubloons and
11 of 8. 20. gold dust, for which I pay and
am interested in a draft on this city
deducting all expenses. For fear to lose
some of the dust I did not separate the
doubloons from it. I hope you will comply
with my request.

With highest regards

Yours affly

J. J. C. Horn
Believing

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Dec 1, 1849.

California gold deposited during the present year,
\$ 3,867,134; of which the amount coined is \$3,013,333.

The large amount uncoined is to be ascribed principally to a necessary interruption in the refinery, in order to settle the accounts of the Master Refiner, who is about to leave the Mint.

Of the deposits of California gold, the amount that cannot now be paid is but \$400,000.

P. M. Patterson,

Director

Wm. M. Meredith,
Secretary of the Treasury.

California Gold deposited at the Mint
from Jan. 1 to Nov. 30, 1849, say — \$3,867,033.70
of which amount — number \$715,083.71

	debit	138,816.53	853,700.24
Amount credit		853,700.24	
			<u>3,013,333.46</u>

~~Amount unpaid or payable \$400,000~~

All the deposits of Cal. gold but \$400,000
are either paid or payable on demand.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia.

Dec. 3d, 1849.

Sir,

Your letter of the 1st inst. came to the Mint this morning, and with it a bag marked M.H. which contained 32.93 ϵ 2 of California Gold, but no doubloons, as you had expected would be found there. The dust had been in two parcels, but they were mingled together.

The value deposited can be paid only here, and in gold coins.

Very respectfully,

Yours &c.

R. M. Patterson,

Director

A. L. M. Horn, Esq.

New York.

(Copy)

U. S. Mint
Dec. 3^d 1849

Dear Sir,

I have delivered to the Treasurer of the Mint, James R. Snowden Esq. in the settlement of my Account 14 barrels of mixed Gold and Silver Sweep containing 5218 lbs, which are reported by Mr. Eckfeldt, the Assayer of the Mint \$46.04 per Cent.

Value of 5218 lbs at $46\frac{04}{100}$ per Cent. \$2144.97
Deduct \$5.- per Cent 232.95

Net Sum \$1912.02

I am requested by the Treasurer to inform you that if you will send him in Coin or specie draft, the above sum of \$1912.02, he will deliver the sweeps to your order, or ship them for you by the Swift sure line, or any other line you may prefer.

I shipped you with the last lot two extra barrels of old iron @ \$5.- for which please pay to the Treasurer the sum of \$10.-
Total amount \$1922.02

Respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servt

James R. S. McCulloch

To

Robert Longman Esq

Refiner

Brooklyn

Office Asst Treasurer.
Charleston S. Decr 1849

Sir

I duly received yours of 22^d ulto informing me that under authority from the Secy of the Treasury, you had ordered a set of weights suitable to the balance sent me not long since - I now write to inform you that it is understood here that the Steamer Columbus has been sold & will not return to this port, and that the Steamer Carolina, now here, goes to New York to be coppered and therefore it may be sometime before a Steamer will leave your City for this place -

The weights will doubtless be ready when you receive this and I request that they be sent by a sailing vessel unless you are satisfied that a Steamer will leave soon

Very Respectfully
Wm M. Maiting
Asst Tr

R. W. Patterson Esqr
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Mint Wt. Dec. 3, 1869.

Sir,

I hope you will excuse me for asking your decision, at as early a day as possible, on the form of the reports of the Treasurer of the Mint, as presented for the last quarter. Until this point is settled, not only is the report in question unconcluded, but the report of the current quarter cannot be commenced.

Allow me also to express my conviction that the form of our last report is as conclusive in its terms as the former reports, while it is less complicated and less tedious.

R. M. P.

Dr.

Wm. E. Whittlesey,

Comptroller of the Treasury.

U. S. Mint,
Philad^a, December 3d. 1849.

Dear Sir,

The increase of Mint
business in my office is so great, that
I find myself frequently obliged to be
occupied in the evening, besides being
constantly employed during office hours,
in order to get through with the current
business; of course, no time is left for
preparing the quarterly abstracts.

Under these circumstances, I deem
it proper to communicate this information,
and would respectfully ask, what is to
be done in this condition of affairs?

I am, very respectfully
Yours Obo. Serv^t
Geo. W. Edelman.

James Ross Snowden, Esq.,
Clerk and
U. S. Mint.

U.S. Mint, Philad^a. Aug 2, 1849

My dear Sir

I respectfully refer the accompanying
letter of Mr. Edelman to your consideration.

I have the honor to be,

with great respect,

your friend & col^l. serv^t

James Ross Snowden
Dea^t

S: R. M. Patterson,
Director U.S. Mint. }

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
Dec 24th 1849.

Sir

Your letter of the 3rd inst has been received
urging our immediate decision, prescribing the
forms in which the Treasurer of the Mint shall
make his quarterly Reports - The decision has
been made, and sent to the Secretary for his
approval under the statute.

Very respectfully,
Elisha Whittelsey
Comptroller

R M Patterson Esq
Director of the
Mint, Phila

Nonnich Conn, Dec. 4/49

Mr. Edelman

Dear Sir, Delia's of returns
from the Mint as early as convenient for a small deposit
made on 16th Nov. & which was to be coin^d in one dollar
pieces. Will you do me the favor, to write in few
words when I can without doubt obtain it, you said
to me when I saw you, probably in two or three weeks,
but I am not sure that you was inform^d. of my desire
to have it in so small coins.

Yours respectfully

W^m.

I will remember I left

C. L. Beach

directions with Mr. Sprague about the coinage.

Minist. of the United States,
Philadelphia, Decr. 5, 1849.

Sir,
I have the honor to send herewith the official Bond
of James C. Breth, ~~on~~^{his} ~~behalf~~ ^{as} his surety, as
required by the 6th Sect. of the Act of Jan. 18, 1837, "be-
fore his entering upon the execution of his office" as Minister and
Refugee of this Ministry.

From inquiries which I have made of the intendant here, I
am satisfied that the Sureties are fully adequate.

The Act requires that the sureties shall be to the satisfaction
of the Secretary of the Treasury. ~~Allow me then to beg that you~~
~~will communicate your decision, without delay, as in the~~
~~mean while the office is in an important department of the~~
~~Ministry is arrested.~~

Mr. McCall has closed his connection with the
Ministry on the first inst. and his accounts found to be very
satisfactory.

R. M. P.

Wm. Russell Nevins,
Secy of Treas.

Wm.

The minutes of Prof. Jas. C. Breckin and Mr.
C. Bolton of New York, and Mr. Wm. Coffin
of Philadelphia. The date of the meeting is 14th Dec. 1829.

The call of Coffin was given, at the same time,
before Judge Hume, — who also expressed his satisfaction
of the security of the meeting.

(Albany City Bank)

Albany, Dec 6 1849

To
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Can you oblige
us by furnishing for our use
\$500. in Coins and \$500. in $\frac{1}{2}$ Dimes
We are at present very much in
want of that amt. — If you
can do so, have the goodness to
advise us, and I will forward
to you our draft on Bank of N.Y.
for amt.

Respectfully

Your obt. servt
Wm. Thompson

H. M. Patterson Esq.
U. S. Mint Phil^a

Wash^g D. C. 4/14/49

Sir Having rec^d from Cal-
ifornia a lot of gold dust say 100 thousand
dollars, will you please inform us whether
you can convert it into coin for us & how
soon. Also how we shall transmit it to you.

Yours very truly
J. J. Dudley & Co

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
Dec 7 1849

Sir,

Enclosed herewith is a copy of instructions prescribing the forms, and mode in which, your quarterly accounts shall be presented to the accounting Officers for settlement. They have been submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, and approved by him.

Your account for the 3^d quarter of 1849 which is now before the 1st Auditor will be paid in its present form, but all future accounts must be returned conforming to the forms prescribed.

Very respectfully
Elisha Mitchell,
Comptroller

James Rob Snodden Esq
Treasurer of the Mend
Phila.

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New York,

185

To the United States Mint Phil^a
Please accept for coinage the accom.
panying two parcels of gold dust - the
one containing two hundred & seventy five
ounces & the other two hundred & twenty
two ounces - in all four hundred
and ninety seven ounces - (497¹³.)
Sending by the bearer a receipt to
us for the same -

Weeks Kelley & Co

New York Dec. 8 1849

Paid

G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
22 WALL STREET.

To
Treasury of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

New York, 5th December 1849

Sir.

We have your enclosed invoice
of 5 boxes of Gold Dust, forwarded
to your address per Adams & Co's express.

You will please cause each parcel to
be separately assayed, according to the
numbers upon the invoice, & advise us
of the result of the assay at your earliest
convenience.

Yrs Obedt.

G. S. Robbins & Son



ADAMS & CO'S

Boston, New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Wheeling

PACKAGE EXPRESS.

OFFICES, 9 Court Street Boston, 16 Wall-st. New-York.
50 Chestnut-st. Philadelphia, 162 Baltimore-st. Balti-
more, Penn. Av. Washington, — Water-st. Wheeling.

Packages will be received and forwarded to New London,
Norwich, Worcester, New Haven, Hartford, Springfield, Lowell,
Salem, Portland, and all the principal Eastern cities and towns.

Custom House Business attended to with great promptness in
Boston, New-York, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Received of *New York, Dec 8th 1849*
G. S. Robbins & Son
Five seals, Box & one
seal package, ^{gold dust} Part to contain
Marked
Fifty one thousand two hundred twenty
Eight per doly for U. S. Mint Phila
to be forwarded as addressed, (less by fire, water, breakage,
leakage and perils of the seas excepted.)
For Adams & Co. *M. Smith*

Printed, Sentiment and Paper, cut, available, Water etc

Must 105.

Philadelphia

Dec. 8, 1869.

Gentlemen
~~Dear~~

The drafts of Gold are generally bought & as from other
banks, with the Atlantic City, or Maryland Express Lines. I cannot
tell at what time the amount of your drafts can be paid,
but I think the note to be a little delay.

R. M. P.

Dr.

Messrs. J. G. Dudley & Co.
New York

West Mt.

Phil. Dec. 8, 1869.

Sir,

The coin for which you ask in your letter of the
6th inst. cannot be furnished to you except for Silver
bullion or foreign coin deposited at the Mint. If you
make such a deposit, the value in silver bullion can be
returned to you, as desired, with little delay.

R.M.P.

Dec.

Wm. Sherman, Esq.

City Bank

Albany.

Mr R. M. Patterson

Dr Sir

A friend of mine
in California wishes to know the value of
California gold at the mint the average
price or from what prices it ranges as to
quality, if you would be so kind as to send
me this information you would much oblige

Yours Respy

C. W. Allen

Clinton, Hunterdon Co. N.J.

Dec-10. 1849.

\$17.50 to \$18.25
average about \$17.80

New York 10th Decr 1849

Dear Sir I beg to advise you that I have
this day forwarded (by Harman's express)
to the Mint

No Co 1 and 2 - said to contain
1666 $\frac{2}{3}$ ounces Gold dust:

and will thank you for a mem^o of
value as soon as may be conveniently
together with advice as to the period
when I may expect the Coin in return.

Yours very truly
Jas. R. Delano

As Robt Saunders Esq
Treas^r U.S. Mint
Phil^a

Post Office

Baltimore Decr 10th 1819

Dear Sir

On the 14th November last, I sent
to the Mint at Phila, by Adams & Co. 600
of an Spanish Coin, and have heard not-
-ing of it since, although I have written to the
Supt^r of the Mint - Coin I ask the favour
of you to ascertain if the money has been recd?
and when I may expect a remittance in
return -

Hoping to have an opportunity
of reciprocating your attention to the matter.

(Very Respectfully

Mrs. E. Latty Esq^r
Ass^t Secy
Philad^a

Yours
J. W. B. Delap

G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
52 WALL STREET.

New York, 10th December 1844

To Director of the U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia
Depot.

Enclose Adams & Co. recpt.
for 1 package of Gold Dust forwarded
to your address, which we all thank
you have received.

On Saturday we forwarded to
your address per same conveyance, six
packages of Gold Dust, which we trust
may have reached you in safety.

Yours truly
G. S. Robbins & Son

Upon the basis of this arrangement, I beg leave
most respectfully to ask, that you, for the Legislative Coun-
cil, to the introduction of an additional Clerk for the
Treasury. The necessity for this measure has become very
great, in consequence of the great increase of labor if the
expansion of the Treasury, caused by the large receipt of gold
from California. ^{the limit of the constant} Under the ~~present~~ ^{present} system, the Secre-
tary's Clerk, could be considered to have this number until
the year 1850, when, on the occurrence of a vacancy, the num-
ber would be two; and they proved sufficient, until
the introduction of the California gold, ^{which has so} ~~was~~ greatly increased
the labor in the Treasury Department, so to make the employ-
ment of an additional Clerk of urgent necessity; and I
therefore must respectfully ask, that you, for the
Legislative Council, for this year, should

I beg leave to confirm my report in the following statements:

The amount of gold and silver ^{deposits} transmitted in 1847 amounted to 1302; in 1848 they amounted to 1102; thus making the total in these two years 2404. Also the sum of amounts in the 11 months of the present year is 2416; being more than double up to the whole number in the two preceding years; and the deposits of the present month are likely to exceed those of any previous one.

As a necessary consequence the labor ^{preparing certificates &c.} of the depositors, in preparing blanks for the assay reports and depositors' memoranda, and in the accounts and abstracts sent to the Department, has been increased in the like proportion. But, in fact, the office labor is increased in a much greater proportion than the mere increase of deposits. ^{with interest} For the greater part of them are in Californian gold, and most of them contain a sufficient proportion of silver to be assayed for the benefit of the depositors. When even this is the case a calculation must be made, 1st of the amount of standard gold and its value; 2d of the amount of standard silver and its value; 3d of the charges for parting them, and of the silver and copper alloy used in preparing them for coinage; lastly of the net amount payable to the depositors. The labor in calculating the value of a partible deposit is therefore at least three times ~~as~~ that of one not partible. It is necessary, also, for the security of the depositors and the ^{government} public that these

estimates be doubly verified, and accordingly no deposit is paid until separate calculations, made by different Clerks, are shown to correspond.

These labors have proved to be too heavy for the Clerks, though meeting at them day and night, and I therefore most respectfully and earnestly beg that the President may consent to the engagement of an additional Clerk.

*

H. W. H.

Do.

J. Sam. Wm. M. Mendith,
Secretary of the Treasury.

* In the 7th Sect. of the Mint Act of Jan 18, 1837, it is enacted that such annual salaries shall be allowed to the Clerks as the Director may determine, with the approbation of the President; Provided that a Clerk shall not receive more than twelve hundred dollars. This sum of \$1200 is paid to the Clerks now in the Mint, and I would respectfully recommend that the additional Clerk should receive the same amount.

Princeton, Me., Dec. 10, 1849.

My dear Sir,

Yours of the 5th inst., received on Saturday, was a most grateful surprise. For your continued confidence, which it so largely implies, accept my thanks.

The state of my wife's health, to say nothing of other considerations, leads me to give to your proposal a prompt acceptance, even though, in so doing, I must forego a flattering promotion, in connection with my present occupation, of which I have just been apprised.

Be kind enough to inform me how soon my presence would be desirable, in case all that you propose should be consummated.

Most respectfully,

and truly Yours,

Geo. F. Downing.

Dr. R. M. Patterson,
Director U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia. }

Philad^a Decr 10: 1849
To The Treasurer of A. S. Mint
New York

I have given to
Messrs Boyle & Stund a certificate
for Seventeen ounces, four dwt
and Thirteen grains of Gold dust
out of the two bags left at
your mint this morning with
my address upon them.

Yours

Wm A. Loomis
John P. Hays

W. H. Patterson Esq.

Minister
Dept. of the U. States
Philadelphia

New York 11 Dec. 1849

Sir, I am in possession of your favor of 6 Inst. advising receipt of \$2.⁹² ounces of California gold dust. Mr. Harnden of Abbeville through whom I had it transmitted, having no doubt obtained a receipt from you I suppose the proceeds in coin will be paid to them to be handed over to me. Should such be the case, no answer to the present is needed;

I am Sir

very respectfully

J. B. Helloring

New York Oct 11. 1849.

P. M. Patterson Esq
Director of Mint of the United States
Philadelphia

Sir

With this I send two packages California
Gold, which please have coined in Gold coin
and return to me in separate lots according
to their respective aunts. weight as follows

- ⬢ twenty two ounces, twelve pennyweights
- ⬢ twelve ounces & pennyweight -

Respectfully Yours Obedt
George A. Holger

New-York Dec 10th 1849
Treasury of United States Bank
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Accompanying find I send
a H^o 1/2 paid Cash & all bills for Colnago will you
please send me a statement as soon as it is
ready also when I can receive
P^y

Yours Very Respectfully
Wm H. Beecher

U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Dec. 12, 1849.

Dear Sir,

In answer to the inquiry made in your letter of the 10th inst., I have first to state that the value of Californian gold brought to the Mint is determined by separate assays on every deposit made; and in this way only can the value be known in any case. The variations, however, are generally confined between \$17.50 and \$18.25, ^{per ounce} and the average is about \$17.80, ~~per ounce~~.

R. M. P.

Done

North Providence Dec. 13. 1849

Enclosed in the bag are $2\frac{1}{2}$ ^{wt}_{lbs} = $7\frac{1}{2}$ ^{grs} of Sacramento
North Fork Solid & Fine in the phial. I do not know the
weight of these coin into one half & greater Eagles
a few dollars if necessary. Please keep the gold in the
phial by itself - let me know the amt. when you
return it coined as it belongs to another. This will of
course be coined & returned in its turn.

Chas. Barrows

Colchester Dec 13th 1849

Treasurer of the U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

I wish you would have the kindness to send me a Schedule or Catalogue of the Mint, or inform me of the prospect that you coin Gold, as I wish to embrace the opportunity of having some California Dust Coins immediately.

Yours Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
David A. Goff

Confidential.

Wm. L. G.

Philad. Dec. 13, 1869.

Dear Sir,

I have been gratified by the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., and I think it proper to let you know at once the condition in which the case is now standing.

I went to the Secretary of the Treasury, on the 11th inst., to ask through him, the consent of the President to the employment of a third clerk for the Treasury of the Mint. As soon as this if the answer be favorable to my wishes, I will at once apply to the President for his consent to your appointment. & As soon as this is done, I will let you know, by telegraph if possible, and then I shall expect you will be ready to start.

R. W. L.

Mr. Geo. F. Dunning,
Brunswick, Me.

Minist of the U. States,

Phil^a Decr 13. 1844

Dear Sir

I regret I cannot send you to day
the mem^o. of the value of your deposits.

Owing to the great press of business
upon us the affay has not been expedited.
I will send it early next week to
such place as you may prefer.

Very Respectfully
Y^r. Servant,

S. R. C.

H. A. Delano Esq
New York
New York

Treasury Department

First Auditor Office

December 13th 1869

Sir

You will please furnish at your earliest convenience Abstracts of Silver contained in Gold deposits & Gold contained in Silver Dep. corresponding to the Assayer Reports with your accounts for the 3^d Quarter of 1869, now in course of examination in this office -

Respectfully,

Your Obedt Servt

J. L. Smith

To
Alma Ross Gordon Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia

To the Director of, *Troy City Bank*
 the Atlant Phila. 13 Dec 1844.

Dear Sir

I send you herewith by
 Express a Box of \$1000 in mixed dollars,
 for which please return as its value in
 say, quarters, dimes & half dimes.

Quarters	\$500	
dimes	250	
1/2 do	250	\$1000
sent by express.		

I am Dear

J. K. Shaw Esq.
 Troy N.Y.

Albany Dec 14th 1849

Sir

We send you by Express, California
Gold as follows, a Buckskin Mitten marked
D&L Howe containing ¹⁰⁰⁰⁻⁹⁰ 1253-21 a small package
within said Mitten marked, C M Butler containing
¹⁰⁰⁰⁻⁹⁰ 257-58 a Tin Box marked Howe & Co containing
¹⁰⁰⁰⁻⁹⁰ 1203-21 for the value of all which we wish
you to send us Coin by return Express
if agreeable with the custom of the mint.
if not you will coin it observing to keep
each package distinct as now marked and
send the amt. by Express in due order of
time

Respectfully Yours

D&L Howe

R R Patterson Esq }
Director of U S Mint }
Philadelphia

John C. Brown

To The United States mint at Philadelphia.

I send by Narnaden
Express this day, one package of gold ^{dust}, containing three
packages, one marked for Mrs Barber, one for Septimiah
Brown, & one for myself. Which I wish coined, or
the amount returned to me in gold coin, these
packages being for different persons, I wish to receive
the value of each separate & distinct from each other.
Can you inform me when I may expect the
return.

Please send by Narnaden Express
directed to Capt. Wm. W. Brown.

Providence.

No. 1.

Providence Dec 14/49-

It will answer my purpose as well, if when the coin is
sent me, ~~you mark the~~ you will state the value
of each package, that I may divide it accordingly.

Wm. W. Brown.

Treasury Department
Dec^r. 12. 1849.

Sir

Your letter of the 10th inst
was duly received and submitted to the President
who has authorized the appointment of an additional
clerk to the Treasurer of the Mint as requested by you.
I am very Respectfully

A. D. Smith
Sec^y. of the Treasury.

D. R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

New Haven Dec 14/49

Sir

With this you find a package
of thirty six American Gold sent sent for coinage
soon as convenient. When asayed please send
me by mail your ^{the} result, and when coined
remitted by Adams & Co's Express to this address

Henry L. Cannon

Fleet St.

New Haven

Conn.

Yours Respectfully

H. L. Cannon

P.S. Should like a part on the
whole in double eagles although
I am not particular in this respect

H. L. C.

Massachusetts Bank
Providence 14 Dec 1849

Cash Robert W. Patterson

Dear Sir

Please inform me whether
the Gold Bullion belonging to this Bank and
deposited for Coinage by John Costello Esq as
per Mint Receipt N^o 1896, has been assayed,
and if so, when the coin can be had for it.

An early reply will much oblige

Yours Respy
A. Gardner

Cas

W. S. Mount,
Philad^a. December 31st 1869

Sir, I herewith forward you, the
quarterly statement ending this day, shewing
the state of the Bullion and public money,
deposited in the Mint by the Treasurer
of the U. S. States.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obedt Serv^t

~~W. S. Mount~~
John P. Browder
Mint.

Mr. Wm. Selden Esq
Secy of the U. S. T.
Washington

W. L. Abbott,
Philad^a December 31, 1849.

Dear Sir, I enclose for you
the account of Copper Coinage for
the quarter ending this day, which I hope
you may find to be correct.

Very respectfully,
Yours obt. Servt.
(signed)
J. R. Snowden
Treasurer

W. L.

W. L. Abbott
Treasurer's Office

San Francisco March 31st 1849.

To the Purchasing Office of the U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We have

this day shipped by the Steamship of Aug. 1st Nine hundred, thirty seven
a half ounces of Gold Dust, valued at Fifteen Thousand dollars,
to your care for Coining, the proceeds to be held subject to the order
of William P. Phillips Esq. of Salem Mass. (937402)

We have advised Mr. Phillips of this remittance and enclosed
to him a Bill of Lading from Macdonald, & Co. who insure
the Gold to your Mint. We trust you have already received
two Bars of Gold Dust from us, of 625 ounces each, the first one
by the Steamship of Nov 13th & the second by the one of Newbury
subject to the order of W. P. Phillips Esq. as above.

We remain truly & respectfully yours

Wm. T. Smith & Co.

Owners Ship Elizabeth

Salem Mass.

(Strictly Confidential.)

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Dec. 29, 1829.

Dear Sir,

Let me ask, in perfect confidence, whether you will, if appointed, accept the office of Engraver at this Mint.

The salary is \$2,000 per annum. The duties are mostly very little time, except when when original dies are to be made.

I beg you to give me an immediate answer.

Very respectfully yours,

A. M. S.

Sr.

By

C. C. Wright, Esq.

52 John St. or 80 Nassau St. (?)

New York.

Office Asst. Treasurer
Charleston 29 Dec 1849

Dear Sir

I duly received yours of 21. Inst
with Bill Lading for the box of weights &
which have come to hand -

I will now ask the favor of
you to send me such tables for weighing
American coin as you use, as there is none
to be had here

Very Resp

Jas C. St.
Wm. M. Maitland
Asst. Tr.

R. W. Patterson Esqr
U. S. Mint
Phil^a

United States Mint

Philadelphia, July 1st 1849
Dr. to ISAAC SULGER,

1849

Collector of CITY TAXES of Middle Ward, for 1849

Office No. 161 Arch Street below Fifth.

Residence No. 1 Schuylkill 7th, below Market.

Office hours after 4 P.M.

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Property Co. Cheam
Lump Sum
U. S. Mint

VALUATION.

CITY.

Rate, 58 Cts.

TOTAL.

80000 464.8464.

Nov 28 Dec 1849

In Patterson

The ^{Mr. Kip} ~~Miner~~ ^{with}
lost a parcel of Gold Dust
by robbery in the Post office
about 50 lbs altogether. He
suspect the parties have gone
on to the West Plains
as far as your ears to
catch the fellows —

Very truly
yours

Wm. H. H. H.

Respectfully

In Patterson

Nov 28 Dec 1849

North Providence Dec. 27. 1849

Superintendents W. S. A. Mint

(Dear Sir. I know not to whom
a communication should be made nor do I know that
it is necessary to write any thing respecting a box of gold
dies. Sent to the Mint. two weeks tomorrow. The directions
are contained in the box, & the box contains about 136 or about
a tin Box. If it has not been opened, please open
& find directions. & oblige Yours Respectfully
Geo Barnum

The Box was sent by Harnden's Express
If the dies for striking off 20 dollar pieces are done
I should like to have half of the denomination—

in 2377

La Porte Ind Dec 27 1849

Director U. S. Mint

^{oz, avoib}
is 32-1-12 Gold dust from California
the value of which we wish sent in
two certificates of equal amounts
that is, one half to Shaulding Thomas
& Vail 41 John Street New York
and one half to Leeds & Hazara
121 Maiden Lane New York, also
acknowledge receipt of the above and
state value of same in a letter to us
Your early attention to it is earnestly
requested

Yours Respectfully
J. Robert & Son
Druggists

La Porte Ind.

P.S. The certificate to Shaulding Thomas & Vail is for
Canada Mail - the one to Leeds & Hazara is
for J. Robert & Son.

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, Dec. 26 1849

Treasurer U. S. Mint Phil.

On Please accept for
Coinage into 20 pieces the accom.
quantity of gold dust
containing two hundred & nine
ounces. (209 oz.)

New-York - 1/3

Weeks, Kelley & Co.

New York Dec. 26. 1849.
Col. Wm H. Chorden,

Dr. Sir,

I send, herewith
by Adams's Ex-press Fifty five (55) oz
Gold Dust, which please receive and return
me the proceeds for same express.

I Oblege

Yours truly,

W. B. Wagon

I send them in the original
packages which I presume
will make no difference.

109 Wall St.

To the Treasurer of the US Mint
New York

I have the receipt of Col.
Sprague Hottelhead for a deposit of Gold Bullion
weighing 157 1/100 lbs dated Decr 10 1849

I was inform^d when in yr city that the same
would be assayed and its value ascertained in abt
one week from the 10th inst, & that a statement of its
value would be sent to me. not hearing from the
same I fear they neglected to take my residence at
the mint and I now write to ~~have~~ request that
you send me a statement of its value as soon
as the assay is made, direct yr letter to me
at this place & state probably when the coin
can be had

Very Respectfully

Oliver Walter

By Geo W Walter

Syracuse Decr 26 1849

175,000

Albany Dec. 25 1849

Sir

I forwarded by Express this morn-
ing Twenty-Nine ounces (Troy) of Californian
Gold to be coined - which I presume has
been safely delivered. You will therefore oblige
me, if the Coin cannot be sent in soon
to forward me Certificate of deposits and

Yours

Respectfully

W. B. Lockwood

J. R. Patterson Esq.

Shanty Park
Norman 24 Du Bay

Mrs Adams &

Philadelphia

by your
Express I send you a small Bag of
gold Dust (about 11 1/2 oz - please
send it at the first and as soon as
they ascertain its true value please
resent me a Chk on New York
for the amount. I pay the Frt
here

As if they are ready to
give dim, 1/2 dim, for the good
Mexican Dollars - sent a long time
since

Respy yours

L. M. M.

From all of you now and
R. L.

Pennsant, Dec. 23, 1849.

My dear Sir,

Your letter of the 20th inst. reaches me this morning. Its contents had been anticipated, however, by your telegraphic dispatch, which I received on the evening of the 20th.

I am deeply sensible of your kindness in tendering to me this appointment, and I would gladly make any sacrifice of interest or convenience to gratify your desire, for my attendance at the Mint by Am. 1. I am using every exertion to bring my affairs to a close; and you may rest assured that I shall be at my new post at the earliest possible day, consistently with my duty to the Company by whom I have been employed, and in proper regard to my own reputation. — To shorten as much as possible this delay, I have written my brother, asking him if possible to come & help me in winding up my affairs.

Very respectfully,

I truly am,

Dr. R. M. Patterson.

Geo. F. Denning

It occurs to me to say that, if my brother
sh^d. not be able to come to my help, he would
willingly render you any assistance at the point in
my stand. If you sh^d. deem it proper by any transfer of
duties, thus to avail yourself of his help until my arrival,
I will suggest it to him. I have had no commu-
nication with him on the subject.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

22 *Nov* 1849.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Drafts payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

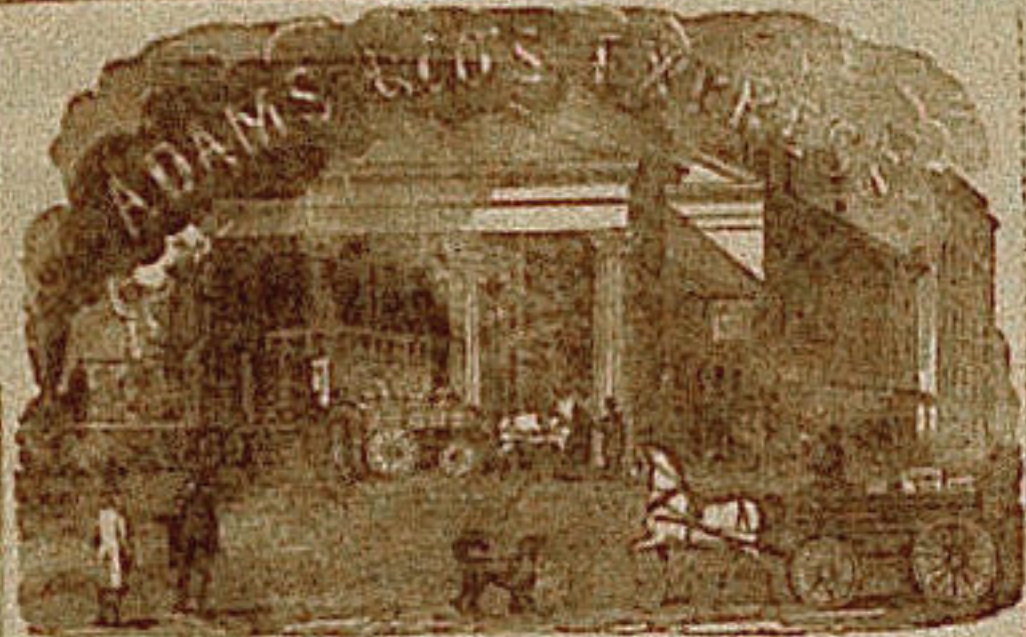
Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James Rep Snowden Esqr

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank.



OFFICES, 9 Court St. Boston. 16 Wall St. New-York.
80 Chestnut St. Philadelphia. 162 Baltimore St. Baltimore.
85 Fourth St. Pittsburg. Penn. Av. Washington.

Packages will be received at Office in Boston, and forwarded to New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Richmond, Charleston, Pittsburg, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, New-Orleans, Norwich, New-Haven and Hartford, Conn.



Boston, December 22^d 1848.

Received of *W. H. Goddard* —
Nine Rare Silver m^{ts}. W & A 169
estimated to be of the value of Eighteen
Thousand, Six hundred Ninety nine \$^{ts}.
Dollars, in Gold Currency

Fire and perils of the Seas excepted.

For Adams & Co.

H. H. Jones

Boston, December 22^d. 1849.

Director of U.S. Mint
at Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find 1 Adamette's
receipt for 9 bars silver to be del^d. you for Coinage proceeds
of which subject to my order. Will you please
send me receipt for same as also Certificate of Value
as soon as ascertained & you will oblige me by advising
the earliest day on which I can draw for the net
proceeds.

Respy Yr. Obedt Servt

Wm W. Goddard

Mem^o of Inve.

			Marks	Qty	Sufficient
W.W.G.	1	1 Bar Silver	176.47	986	2.47
	2	" "	171.47	984	2.47
	3	" "	177.69	988	2.13
	4	" "	249.56	990	2.47
	5	" "	233.64	983	7.61
	6	" "	214.33		
	7	" "	242.39	975	6.06
	8	" "	219.39	971	6.36
	9	" "	242.08	973	6.54

1927.02
Sufficient 36.40
1890.62 @ \$ 97/8 \$18,669.71

West N. S.

Phil. Dec. 21, 1869.

Dear Sir,

I wrote to you yesterday, both by mail and telegraph; and this morning I have received your letter of the 18th, in which you inform me as to the time of your coming ^{to the office} ~~hither~~. Our clerks are suffering under an excess of labor, ^{and they must be relieved.} ~~with~~ ^{now} ~~the~~ ^{day} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Director's~~ ^{Director's} ~~clerk~~, who has charge of the accounts, has to work from 8 to 3, then from 5 to 6, and ~~then~~ after that ~~the~~ ^{will} late at night; and he is breaking down. Let me then renew my anxious request that you present yourself here by the 1st of January, if it be at all possible. I beg your ^{early} ~~early~~ answer, by ~~return of mail~~.

P. M. R.

Mr. Geo. F. Durmoning.

P.S. It has been suggested to me that, if your delay be imperative, the clerks might be relieved by aid from your brother Robert. I have been to see him, since this was proposed, but I did not find him. There is one difficulty in the way, and that is that he ^{probably} cannot receive payment for his services, ~~and I have been so~~.

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, Dec. 21 1847

Treasurer of U. S. Mint Phil^a

Please accept for coinage
into \$20 pieces the accompanying bag
of bullion containing one hundred
and twenty ounces five & one half
dwt - (oz 120. 5 1/2 dwt) returning by hand
a receipt to us.

Respy y^r obt^d serv^t
Wm. Weeks & Co

Mount Ves.

Phil^a.

Dec. 20, 1849.

Dear Sir,

The President has confirmed your appointment
as a Clerk for the Treasurer of the Mint.

It is very desirable that you should come hither
without delay; and I must urge you so to arrange
your affairs as to be able to begin your labors on the
1st. of January.

I presume that you can get salaries on your bond
here. The sum will be \$5,000.

R. M. P.

Dr.

Geo. F. Dunning, Esq.
Brunswick, Me.

Telegraph

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20, 1849.

To George F. Dunning,
Brunswick, Maine.

Appointment Confirmed. Come so as to be
able to begin your duties on the 1st of January.

R. M. Patterson.

Mint Ws. Dec. 20, 1869.

Sir,
I send enclosed the bill receipt of Messrs. Meyers & Co.,
for a set of weights made by them, by order of the Secretary of the
Treasury, for the Assistant Treasury at Charleston S.C.

R.M.P.

S. M. McKean, Esq.

Agent of Treasury Department.

Agent of the Treasury Department Philadelphia, Dec. 12

1849

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(Duplicate) 46.00

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Philadelphia, Dec. 20 1849.

Received of the Treasurer of the Mint,
One *Case* of *Copper* coins,
labeled *TVI* # *404* of *100*
J. S. Claypole, Cash.
Springfield, Ohio.

which we promise to forward to
and deliver to *as directed*
Agents, (loss by fire, water, breakage, leakage, and perils
of the seas excepted.)

Bill for freight & cartage to the Mint
For the Proprietors,
Amlicat. *J. Gorman*

United States Printing Office, Latimer Building, Philadelphia.

Treasury Department.
Decr. 19. 1849.

Sir

Your letter nominating George F.
Inniss as a clerk to the Treasurer of the Mint
was duly received and submitted to the President,
who has confirmed your nomination.

I am very Resp^t.

W M Meredith
Sec. of the Treasury

Dr. R. W. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

W Adams & Co Express

New York Dec 19th 1849

Wm Patterson Esq

London W. C. Hunt

Phila

Dear Sir

We forward herewith for "Adams & Co Express"
a Bag addressed to you containing the following packages

Separate Certificate  1 Box Conty Gold Dust Value at \$1066.

Separate Certificate J M #1 - 1 package
" " 2 - 1 do } Gold Dust - - - 3094.
" " 3 - 1 do

Separate Certificate M A #1
" " 2 } 5 packages Gold Dust
" " 3
" " 4
" " 5
M A #6 - 1 do - - - do - - - do of No 6 to be returned Separate

Separate Certificate J M M 1 do Conty 1 Box Gold } Return Separate Value of each
" " 3 Box Silver

Separate Certificate P D G #1 1 Bag Silver
" " 2 1 package Gold Dust & Box } Return Separate Value of
" " 3 1 Box Gold Dust } Each package

Separate Certificate Z B #14 - 1 Bag Conty 82½ Granadaian Doubloons

We beg the favour of your ordering a Separate Certificate
of each Lot as marked above with Separate

Value of the packages noted in Red Ink as
they belong to separate interests and we are requesting
your official certificates to each of the separate
owners—

Please ^{have} receipt to "Adams & Co Express" and
we shall feel greatly obliged by your usual
kind attention to our troublesome details—

We beg to remain your often obliged
and obt. vts

Court & Brown

Deat. U. S. Mint
at Phil^a

Derby, Connecticut
Dec^r. 19. 1849

Dear Sir

With this you will
receive a small bag of Gold Dust. for which
please send me a receipt by mail. I shall
be in Phil^a in the course of 4 or 5 weeks, and
will call for it or send an order for the amt.

Yours truly
Robert M. Bapett

Brunswick, Me., Dec. 18, 1849.

My dear Sir,

I have received your letter of the 13th inst., and await the result of your application to the "Journals that be". I presume there is nothing for me to do in the premises; but I will just remark that if you should think it well that a word of home testimony should be added to your own respecting the suitability of the appointment, you are at perfect liberty to refer the Secretary to Mr. Evans, who is now in Washington.

I am shaping my arrangements here with reference to the earliest possible start for Philadelphia, in case the matter shall be so determined. I do not dare to fix upon an earlier day than the 14 of February. There are many things in connection with my Railroad business, perfectly well known to me, but not in a shape to bequeath to my successor.

Very respectfully

Truly yours,

Geo. F. Denning.

Dr. R. M. Patterson.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

Will you do me the favor to have the enclosed Bill
of A. Meyer & Co. accepted and returned to me under
cover to the Secretary. I will try not to overlook the check
this time.

I am Very respectfully
S. M. Mearns

Dec^r. 18. 1849.

R. M. Patterson

New York 17th Dec. 1844

I send by Standard Express - a package
of gold dust - for 1/6 of the New York Bank of
New York R.S. - Please send the assay as soon
as possible to Stephen Cabot Esq (Cassier)
of the New York Bank, as the Lady whose
property it is, needs the amt. for immediate
claims. - Respectfully

To R. M. Patterson Esq.
Direct of the Mint
Philadelphia

Your obed^t Serv^t

Wm. Patterson

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia,

Dec. 17, 1869.

Sir,

In compliance with the consent given in your letter of the 20th ult., I have caused a set of ^{receipts} ~~coins~~ to be made by Messrs Meyer & Co., for Wm. M. Martin, Esq., Assistant Treasurer at Charleston, S. C., and the receipts are now at the Mint to be registered by our Chief Clerk; and as soon as this is done, they will be sent to ~~I send the Mr. Martin.~~

As the work of Messrs Meyer & Co. is completed, I send their bill for the same. It includes a sum of Six dollars for a box with lining, which had not been included in the contract, but which is of absolute necessity.

If the draft in favor of Messrs Meyer be sent to my care, I will with pleasure attend to the payment.

Yours,

Dr.

W

Wm. M. Martin,

Sec. of Treasury.

Miner of the U. S. State,
Philad^a Dec 17 1849.

Dear Sir,

As requested I send you the
Memorandum showing the value of your deposits.

My former letter was written under
a mistake arising from the numerous requests
made to forward the memoranda of the value
of deposits, several of which were by gentlemen
who expected to remain for a few days
at New York.

I hope to be able to pay your
deposits in my absence two weeks.

Very res^{ly}

Yours ob^{ly}

(signed)
Jas R. Browder
Thom

H. A. Delano
New York

Miner of the U. S.
Philad^a Dec 17, 1849.

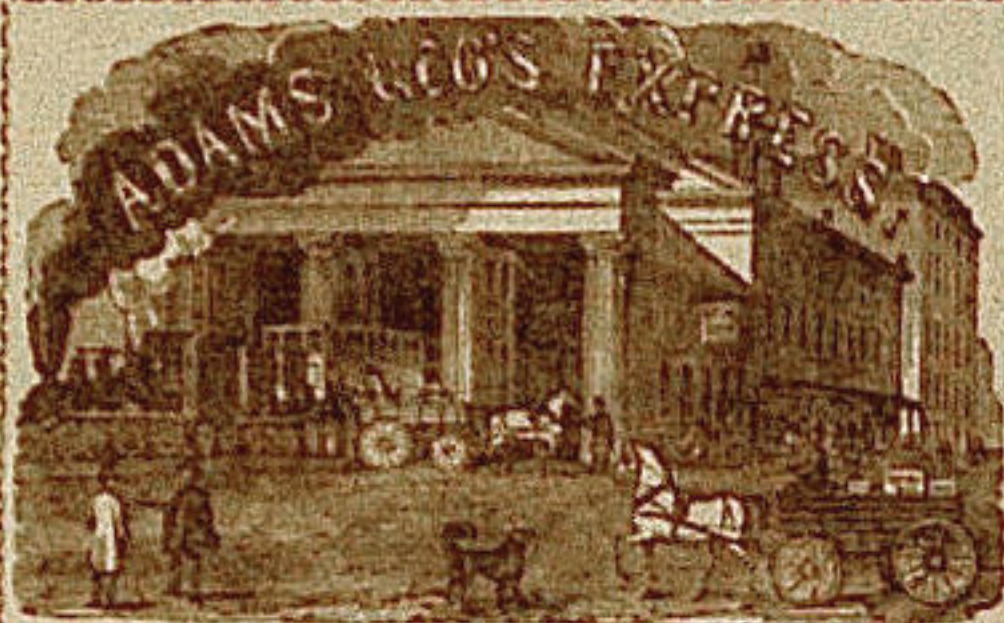
Sir, Your letter of the 13th inst. is received.
I do not understand what you wish,
when you ask me to send you a 'schedule
or catalogue of the Mines', but in relation
to the coinage of gold I have to state that
we receive deposits of gold for coinage, and
pay the value to the depositor or his order
at as early a period after it is deposited
as possible. The California gold is
not of uniform fineness, but the average
value is about sixteen dollars per ounce
fine.

Very respy,

Yours ob^l Serv^t

(Signed) D. R.
Mason

Mr. David A. Fox,
Col Chester



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Richmond
~~Philadelphia~~ Dec 13 1849

Received of *Jaquelin P. Taylor*
One Box said to contain Two Hun-
dred Seventy three and one half
Oblarked ~~on~~ Gold Dust

Mr. Barsett

United States Mint
Paid thro \$6.00 Philadelphia
to be forwarded as addressed, (loss by fire, water, break-
age, leakage and perils of the seas excepted.)

Duplicate
For the Proprietors,

A. P. Jewett

United States Job Printing Office, Ledger Building, Philadelphia.

Richmond Dec. 15th 1849

R. M. Patterson Esq
Fr. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

By Adams's Express I
sent to the Mint a box of gold Dust marked
William Barrett, said to contain $27\frac{3}{2}$ Ozs. It
was sent to Mr Barrett by Livering and Gay
of St. Francisco, Haven & Livingston being the
forwarders to Livingston Wells & Co. of New York
and by them sent to this City by Adams
Express, and the same parties have now
received for it to be delivered at the Mint.
My object is to have it coined, and when com-
pleted you will have the good drafts to place
it to the credit of William P. Storthe Cash
of the Branch of the Exchange Bank of U.S. in
this City, with the Farmers and Mechanics
Bk. Philadelphia. of which Bank E. M.
Lewis is Cash. sending me bill of the
expenses, and stating the amount placed
in the F. & M. Bank of your City

+ $27\frac{3}{2}$

Adams's Express
ack enclosed

Yours
Jas. P. Taylor

Salem 17 Dec
J W Edelsman Esq

I send you in Standard
express this day 2 boxes of
African dust. R.B. 324 of
I.H. 1, ditto 500 g. Please spray
each parcel separately,
I will thank you to send
me in mail the certificate
for the same, & let me know
when the parcels will
be subject to my order

With respect yours

W G Howard & Robert Grosvenor

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, Dec. 15 1849

Treasurer of U. S. Mint Phil
Pa.

Please accept the accompanying canister of gold bullion for coinage.
The canister contains two hundred and
nineteen ounces (219 oz.)

If no ^{extra} delay will result we would
like to have returns in \$20 pieces -

Respy Yrs

Weeks, Kelley & Co

Mont of the United States,

Philadelphia,

Dec. 15, 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th, conveying the gratifying statement that the President had authorized the appointment of an additional Clerk for the ~~Treasurer~~^{at} of the Mint, as requested I had respectfully requested.

The place thus to be filled is, under the terms of the 3d Sec. of the Mint Act of January 18, 1837, that place to be filled is Clerk is to be "appointed by the Director, with the approbation of the President." I accordingly I solicit the approbation of the President to the appointment of Mr. George F. Dunning as a Clerk for the Treasurer of the Mint.

Mr. Dunning was appointed to the Clerk of the Director of the 1st of January 1838, and he continued to fill occupy this place, ~~with the Mint from 1845, when he was removed until~~ Jan 1845, when he went to Brunswick, Maine, to take charge of his father's estate. I cannot speak in ^{too} high, ~~terms~~ of his attention, intelligence, and gentlemanly demeanor. All the officers and Clerks who were at the Mint while he was here, hold him in the highest regard, and are anxious for his return.

My conversation with the object of your being long years has given me here for knowledge of Mr. Dunning capacity and fitness, is all respects, for the

Mr. Dunning's connection with the Abolition, of more
than eleven years, has satisfied me that enabled me to
recommend him,
freely with confidence, to the approval of the President; and
I shall refer for a confirmation of my judgment ~~in this case~~, to
one other person, ^{who is well acquainted with him,} the Hon. George Evans, now engaged at Washing-
ton on the Mexican Claims. ~~He is well acquainted with the case~~
and

R. M. P.

Sen.

John M. M. Meredith,
Secretary Treasury.

P. S. — ~~Attention~~ The Candidate It may ^{not} be ⁱⁿ proper
to mention to you, that the gentleman whom I named is a
brother of Mr. Robert D. Dunning, and is married to a daughter
of the late Joseph O'Brien of this city.

Min. of the United States,
Philadelphia, 15. 1849
Copy
Sir,

In compliance with your letter
of the 13th inst I have the honor to
transmit ^{to you} herewith abstracts exhibiting
the amount of silver contained in the
gold deposits for the 3^d Quarter of 1849,
and the amount of gold contained
in silver deposits for the same period.

I hope ~~they are~~ the forms in
which they are presented may be satisfac-
tory to you.

I am, Sir, Respectfully
Yours, &c.,

Samuel R. Channing
Treasurer

J. L. Smith Esq.
Richd. B. Deane Esq.
Washington City

New York Decr 15th 49

R M Patterson Esq
Director U S Mint
Phil.
Orlin

We send
you this day by Harnden & Co Express
one Mox Gold Dust (as per Memo at
foot) for which you will oblige us
when assayed to forward a Certificate
of value to Stephen W Whittier Esq
of Boston

Mr Olin Esq
J Aiking & Co.

One Mox cov? with Canvas
contg three Moxs, en 1 Tin Canister Gold Dust
1 Can 420 gr

1 " 426 "

1 " 255 "

6 dwt. specimens
Total 1107 gr to dwt.

New York 14 Dec 1849

Dear Sir

In reply to your favor of the 13th
I have to request that you will send the
Money to my account in this city which
is my place of residence and business.

Yours and Son
Paul R. Delano

Jas R Saunders Esq
Cardington
Phila

My Dec. 14 189
To the Treasurer of the U.S. Mint
San Francisco

You will
greatly oblige me by sending the returns a
return of the parcel of gold 258.59 ounces
of gold left with you by Hamden on Express
for foreign - as the parties interested are
desirous of arranging same

Very respectfully
Yours

Henry J. Phillips

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After April there are many deposits of California gold from 500-4000 oz.

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